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## NEW PEACE FEELERS PLANNED

### Red Broadcast's "No" Accepted As Official COUP D'ETAT RUMOUR

Nanking, January 6.

Mr. Shen Chang-huan, Director of the Government Information Office, today said the Central Government does not deem the Communist broadcast last night as either a formal or informal reply to its peace offer.

### Reds Resume Attacks

Nanking, January 6.

After a lull of nearly two weeks in which they attempted to starve out General Tu Yu-ming's army groups South West of Hanchow, Communist forces have resumed attacks on the tightly encircled troops, according to reports reaching Nanking.

These reports said the Reds started shelling Tu Yu-ming's defence perimeter from two sides after vocal barrages from lines' loudspeakers failed to persuade the Nationalist commanders of the main forces to surrender.

At the same time, the Independent Nanking People's Daily said that General Tu Yu-ming, Commander of the 10th Army Group under Tu Yu-ming, reached Hanchow's temporary capital in Hanyang on January 4 after passing through the Communist lines in disguise.—Associated Press.

### Capital Of HK Firms Published

Between 1948 and 1948 Hong Kong had at least 781 private and public companies, aggregating a total capital of HK\$2,082,880,375, according to the latest published statistics by Government.

In 1945, the earliest year on official records, there were only two companies with a total capital of HK\$17,200,000.

The lowest capital figures on record were in 1940 with only one company with a capital of HK\$50,000 capitalised company.

The highest capital figures on record were in the month of August 1946 when the Colony's companies numbered 183 with a total capital of HK\$688,701,719, as compared with 115 companies and the first six months of 1948 with a total capital of HK\$333,016,936.

Hong Kong today has two companies, each with a capital of more than HK\$100,000,000; seven, each with a capital of between HK\$50,000,000 and HK\$100,000,000; eight, each with a capital of between HK\$25,000,000 and HK\$50,000,000; 30, each with a capital of between HK\$10,000,000 and HK\$25,000,000; 41, each with a capital of between HK\$5,000,000 and HK\$10,000,000; 207, each with a capital of between HK\$1,000,000 and HK\$5,000,000; 132, each with a capital of between HK\$500,000 and HK\$1,000,000; 227, each with a capital of between HK\$100,000 and HK\$500,000; 37, each with a capital of between HK\$50,000 and HK\$100,000; 28, each with a capital of between HK\$10,000 and HK\$50,000; 12, each with a capital less than HK\$10,000; and 20 companies, each with a capital officially described as "nil".

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### PICTURE OF THE DAY

Antarctic Survey Base



This Marguerite Bay base of the Falkland Islands expedition is the nearest to that in which two members of the expedition recently lost their lives. The two men, Lieutenant Oliver Burd R.N., aged 24, meteorologist of Hay Lane House, Scarborough, Yorkshire, and Mr. Michael Green, aged 22, General Assistant of Bootham, Yorkshire, are reported to have died when their hut was burnt down. The survey of the Falkland Islands began in December 1943, when a party under W. S. Marr, R.N.V.R., left Britain for the dependencies. (AP Photo).

## ss. Wusueh Carries ECA Shipment Of Medicines To Canton

(Picture on Page 2)  
American relief medical supplies, valued at about US\$1,500,000, are en route to Canton aboard the ss. Wusueh, which left last night, to be distributed to the various provinces of South China.

This is the first major distribution by the Economic Co-operation Administration, in accordance with allocations made in Shanghai for private and public hospitals and health agencies in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hunan, Fukien, Kweichow and Formosa. Mr. Henry T. Samson, Director of the United States ECA, South China Regional Office, Canton, told the "China Mail".

The consignment consists of 16,000 cases of surgical instruments, drugs, medical apparatus, medical dressings and medicines, totalling about 2,000 tons. The loading of these supplies into the British river steamer began early this week.

The Wusueh has been specially diverted from her usual Macao-Hong Kong run to carry the much-needed cargo. She will return to her regular route after this trip. Butterfield and Swire reported. On their arrival at Canton, the authorities there will have to await instructions from Shanghai for the distribution.

Mr. W. Walen, a member of the ECA, Canton, is accompanying the supplies. For the past three or four months, ECA has been funneling relief supplies through Canton to the South China region in minor shipments. The supplies have been arriving here gradually since last April, 1948, from the United States.

Part of Marshall Aid  
They form part of the US\$4,600,000 aid allotment of the ECA, and are part of the Marshall Plan China Aid Programme. Already about US\$500,000 worth of supplies have been delivered to various medical organisations. This shipment, it was stated, forms one-third of the remaining amount.

Means of transporting the supplies to the provinces have not been decided yet, it was reported. It will be a local matter and to be decided upon by the local authorities concerned.

In the meantime, the International Relief Committee at Canton will take over the delivery there. Plans have been drawn up, Mr. Samson told the "China Mail" yesterday, to form a medical panel for the South China region.

### TITO STRENGTHENS FRONTIERS

Athens, January 6.  
Press reports from Kozani said today that Marshal Tito was moving up troops and reinforcing his garrisons along the Albanian-Bulgarian and Rumanian borders. The reports said Yugoslav officials explained this action was taken to counteract similar reinforcements undertaken by their neighbours as well as to prevent the advance abroad of Communist supporters.

## TAXI COMPANIES START NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN

As the result of official pressure, the taxicab companies reopened negotiations with their striking drivers at the Cafe de Chine, China Building, yesterday afternoon.

The conference was arranged by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, the Commissioner of Labour, who presided. He was assisted by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfayden, Deputy Commissioner, and Major H. F. C. Chauvin, Labour Officer.

Points in dispute were discussed and suggestions from both sides were considered. Though no settlement was reached, it is understood some headway has been made.

The meeting lasted more than two hours, and it was arranged that representatives from both sides would resume their talks at the Commissioner of Labour's Office at 2.30 p.m. today.

### Results Reported

The strikers' representatives reported the result of the negotiations to a meeting of about 200 of the strikers last night. They informed the men, now that negotiations had been reopened efforts should be directed towards securing a settlement through this channel.

The Motor Drivers Union yesterday categorically denied authorship of the pamphlet distributed in Kowloon yesterday which berated the taxicab companies and the Government, and called on labourers to rally to the support of the strikers.

"We disclaim all connection with these pamphlets, and we don't know who issued them. All we can say is whoever issued them had some ulterior motive in doing so. It is absurd to think that a responsible organisation like ours should resort to these means," said an official of the Motor Drivers' Union to the "China Mail" last night.

### Hold That Tiger!

Inevitably, as has been the case every winter, farmers have found footprints of a tiger in their paddy fields at Ohatin.

According to a report from the New Territories, unconfirmed by the police, farmers found large footprints, resembling that of a tiger, in fields near the seven-and-a-half-mile post on Wednesday.

On previous occasions, discovery of such footprints usually followed reports of the disappearance of pigs and other domestic animals. This winter, however, no animal belonging to the villagers in the Ohatin area has yet disappeared.

## Ulster Chiefs In London For Talks

London, January 6.  
Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, arrived here today for talks with British Cabinet leaders on the constitutional complications caused by Eire's Republic of Ireland Act, which severs Eire's last link with the British Crown.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Major L. E. Curran, Northern Ireland Attorney-General, who, with Mr. Edmund Walker, Home Minister, and Major J. M. Sinclair, Finance Minister, both already here, will take part in a one-day round-table conference on the problem.

Sir Basil Brooke declined to make any comment about the meeting.

Prime Minister Attlee will preside at the conference. With him will be Mr. James Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, and Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary.

Sir Basil Brooke was expected to ask that the British Government give legal effect to its pledge that the constitution of Northern Ireland shall not be changed without the consent of its own Parliament.—Reuters.

## Scandinavian Conference Reported

Copenhagen, January 6.

The Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Norway, Denmark and Sweden were today believed to be holding a top secret meeting somewhere in Scandinavia.

Observers here linked the meeting with recent reports from Washington that the Scandinavian countries might be invited to join an Atlantic Pact.

The Danish Foreign Ministry announced that a statement would be issued later. A veil of complete secrecy has been drawn around the movement.

Danish Premier, Mr. Hans Hedtoft, and the Foreign and Defence Ministers, but it was learned that they left Denmark yesterday for Helsinki in Sweden.

A report from Oslo stated that the Norwegian Premier was not at home, while the Norwegian Foreign Minister declined to comment on the movements of the Foreign Minister, M. Halvard Lange.—Reuters.

## Rice Dispute Causes Delay Of CKR Trains

Unanswered demands for more rice were responsible for the disruption of the Canton-Kowloon railway service on Wednesday night.

More than 1,000 railway workers at the Canton terminus of the railway squatted on the tracks shortly after 5 p.m., holding up all outward bound trains from the Kwangtung capital.

Hurried conferences between the workers' representatives and the railway authorities resulted in a temporary settlement at 1 a.m. yesterday after which the Kowloon-bound train left the station.

The workers have agreed to return to work and to give the Chinese authorities five days to consider the demands.

Wednesday's last express train from Canton did not reach Kowloon until 7 a.m. yesterday, without a single passenger. They had all left or foot. The upward service from Kowloon, not affected, operated normally yesterday.

The sit-down strike by Canton's railway workers resulted from demands for a larger rice ration and additional daily necessities.

Other Essentials  
They wanted the monthly ration of one picul of rice to be increased to four piculs. They also demanded rations of other essentials such as edible oil, salt, sugar, and fuel.

It was claimed yesterday in Canton that the demands were made more than a month ago but that the authorities shelved the workers' petition. The approaching Chinese New Year is said to have been the

### The Weather

At 6.00 GMT (5.00 a.m. HKST) the intense Siberian anti-cyclone continued to dominate China and the adjacent seas. Today's Forecast—Moderate Northwesterly winds, occasional light drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 58.5 deg. Fah.  
Minimum: 49.0 deg. Fah.  
Rainfall: Nil.

Total since Jan. 1—  
Average of 6.5 mm. = 0.25 inch.  
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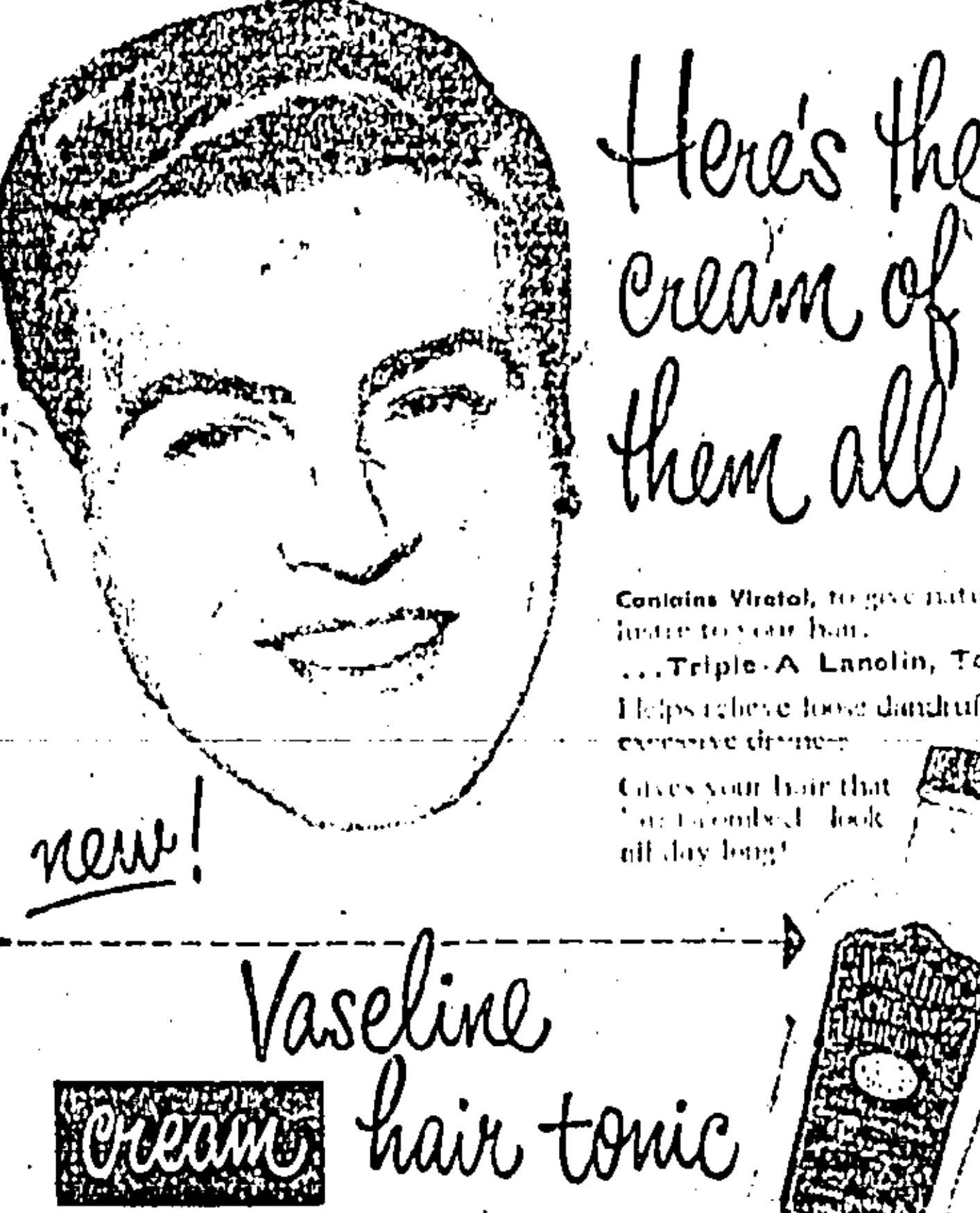
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## Plaintiff Wins Action In Warranty Breach Case

At the Supreme Court yesterday, Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), gave judgment for \$19,400 and costs in favour of the plaintiff in an action for damages for breach of warranty of title.

It was alleged that the defendant had, during the Japanese Occupation, claimed that he had authority to sell a house, No. 315 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, belonging to Choy Chuen-kam, to the plaintiff, when in fact he had no such authority.

The plaintiff was Mrs. Lee Yu-kee of No. 3 Upper Lascar Row, represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford, of Messrs. Ford, Kwan and Company.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. J. Arculli, represented the defendant, Yau Shu-yet alias Yau Po-chuek of No. 54 Queen's Road Central, Ground Floor.

In the course of his judgment, Sir L. Gibson said:

"It is common ground that in May 1945 (some four months before the end of the Japanese Occupation), the defendant consulted a local solicitor, Mr. Peter Sin, and handed him a power of attorney purporting to have been executed in China in the presence of Choy Chuen-kam in favour of the defendant, authorising the defendant to sell the house, in question. He also gave the solicitor the title deed."

"The plaintiff claims, by way of special damage, the difference between the contract price of \$50,000 Japanese Military Yen and the value of the property on October 4, 1947 (When Choy Chuen-kam repudiated the transaction) and also his loss of rent. In support of his claim, an architect gave evidence of the value in October 1947, and his estimate of the rent lost and I accept his evidence."

"In calculating the amount to be awarded for loss of bargain, it is necessary to decide upon the rate of exchange for the purchase price of Japanese Military Yen \$50,000."

"Mr. Sheldon relied on the rate fixed by the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance, 1948, for the month of July 1945, in which the agreement for sale was signed and amended his claim accordingly to a claim for \$19,400 for loss of bargain."

"Mr. Chen did not oppose this amendment and did not challenge Mr. Sheldon's argument that the rate fixed in the Ordinance would be the appropriate rate to take. No evidence was led as to the rate of exchange and in the absence of it, I think that the rate fixed in the Ordinance ought to be accepted. I am therefore of opinion that the plaintiff's claim for \$19,400 for loss of bargain succeeds."

"Then as regards the claim for rent, the plaintiff has claimed for the period October 1, 1945 to January 31, 1948. Presumably, the date October 1, 1945, has been selected as the date on which the agreement ought reasonably to have been implemented."

"From October 31, 1945, onwards, the premises were presumably subject to rent control and I have no evidence before me as to the standard rent of the premises. In those circumstances, I am unable to assess any damages for loss of rent."

"It follows that, in my opinion, the plaintiff is entitled to recover the total sum of \$19,400 and to have the costs of his action."

## Six Weeks For Assault At Soccer Tilt

Tam Sin, 40-year-old fohki of the Wai-Yat Glass Manufactory of Taikoktsui, was told by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday that he was lucky that he was not charged with malicious wounding as the complainant might have lost the sight of his left eye.

Defendant, who pleaded self-defence, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on the charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Mok Tin, aged 31, at the Boundary Street football stands on November 20.

The court said that the comparatively lenient sentence was given in view of the fact that accused had with the exception of a week when he was on bail of \$200, been in custody since the incident.

Producing a certificate from Dr. T. P. Lee of the Kowloon Hospital Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans yesterday said that complainant is still under medical attention but there was no longer any fear of his losing the left eye.

SI Evans said that Mok was at a football game on the afternoon of November 20 when defendant, who was sitting about two seats from him, noticed a friend, Tam wai, to the friend who went up to the same row of seats and sat next to defendant.

Tam began to grumble at the other people not making way for his friend and Mok told him that he should find seats elsewhere. Tam got up and, when passing complainant, took a punch at Mok, breaking the left lens of the glasses he was wearing.

Broken pieces of glass pierced the eye. Complainant remained in hospital for about five weeks and, up to January 5.

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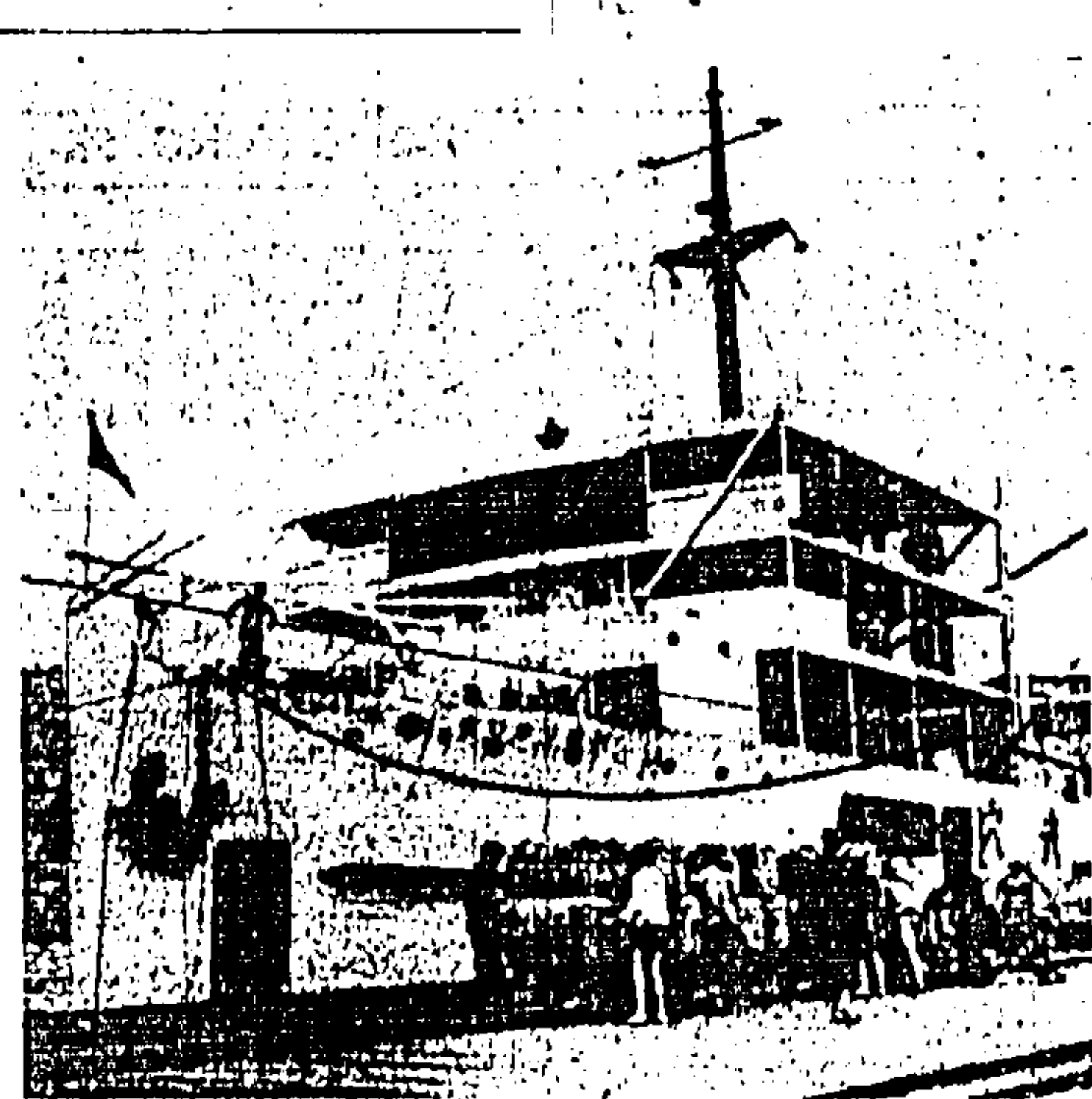
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## Relief Supplies For Canton



American relief supplies being loaded into the ss. Wusueh at Kowloon Wharf to be distributed to various provinces in South China. This shipment is the first major distribution to South China by the Economic Co-operation Administration, an outgrowth of the Marshall Plan Aid Programme for China (Story on page One).— "China Mail" Photo.

## Unsuccessful Exploits Of Armed Robber Band

The unsuccessful exploits of a band of armed robbers was described before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Lam Mun, 37-year-old man with neither home nor employment, came before the Court on the committal charge of assault with intent to rob. Detective Inspector C. Dowman, with the assistance of Inspector F. Roberts, conducted the prosecution.

On the night of November 15, 1948, a student Ho Koi, who lived with his parents at the caretaker's quarters of the Tsun Wan Permanent Cemetery, heard barks coming from outside the worshipping hall in which he sat studying by the light of a kerosene lamp.

Coming out from the hall and going down the steps leading to his quarters, he saw three men in dark masks. One of the masked men pointed a revolver at him and told him not to move while the other struck him on the head with a blunt instrument.

"Robbed," he shouted, as the three strangers left him and headed for the quarters. Hearing the alarm, Ho Cheuk-nam, mason-contractor of the cemetery, rushed out to investigate, only to be knocked down by a man with a pole. The stranger stormed him into the kitchen and slammed the door.

At the same time, four other men in the house came to the rescue but were overpowered by the man with the pole and another with a knife. In the ensuing struggle, Ho Hung, one of inmates, was stabbed in the left arm.

The strangers finally managed to herd the inmates into the room. The man with the knife left while the man with the pole stood guard over them.

## Parents Hear Call

The voice of the student raised in alarm after having carried the three men appeared in the doorway, saying that they had come in search for arms. The mother, picked up a pole and charged at the man with a revolver who caught the pole and pulled the trigger. The revolver clicked; the man ran; the woman gave chase but lost sight of him.

As the man with the revolver ran, the others, left alone, searched everything and found nothing. All the men vanished and were not seen again save the one with the pole who stood guard over the four men in the house. He ran down the main road, brandishing the pole and was only 400 yards from the house when the enraged man caught up with him.

With the intention of reporting to the Tsun Wan Police Station, Ho Kung, Ho Koi, the student, Tam King-yu and Ho Cheuk-nam who was confined in the kitchen and later managed to climb out through the window took a car and drove down the main road to Tsun Wan. Then they saw the man with the pole.

As the car approached, the man with the pole took to the hills. Relentlessly, the four men followed in pursuit. There was a flash on the hillside and the man with the pole was subsequently overpowered and knocked unconscious. He was bundled into the car and taken to the police.

Three knives, a torch and a cartridge which had been struck but was still live, were found in the cemetery grounds later.

The man with the pole was identified as Lam Mun, the accused. Accused was committed to trial at the Criminal Sessions.

For an alleged assault on Tong Hon Kin at the junction of Belcher Street and North Street on January 11, Lai Tong Lai, Leung Tai and Leung Kwai, all coolies, were charged before Mr. H. H. Shing Lo at Central yesterday.

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## Dangerous Driving Charge Dropped Against RA Gunner

The submission that he had no case to answer in respect to the charge of dangerous driving was successfully made by Mr. A. S. C. Comber when Gunner Donald Cockerell was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous driving and, alternatively, careless driving.

Defence counsel's further submission that the prosecution, conducted by Traffic Sub-Inspector Richard Brown, had failed to prove the alternative count, was not upheld by the court.

The charges arose out of an accident at Castle Peak Road, near the Brewery, on November 5 when army lorry A9841, driven by defendant and containing Lieutenant R. T. Whitney and eight members of the 5th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, plunged 23 feet down the cliff and landed in an upside position.

The accident occurred shortly before 8 a.m., said SI Brown, at about 200 yards South of the San Miguel Brewery. When he went to examine the place, he found private car 7658 lying on the near side of the road, facing Castle Peak, and military lorry A9841 lying on the sea shore.

The road where the collision took place was 21 feet wide, and, according to tyre marks, the point of impact between the two vehicles was 10 feet from the off-side of the road. From the point of impact to where the lorry fell, the road was 44 feet 10 inches.

## Extensively Damaged

He examined the military vehicle and found it extensively damaged. Around the front offside wheel he found the offside panel of the private car wrapped around it.

The damages on the car showed that it had been struck at the rear edge of the front wing and was continued with increasing force until the rear wing and rear door were torn off. The force of the impact was such that the car was pushed diagonally across the road where the nearside rear wheel hit an "outcrop" of rocks and the vehicle was stopped.

Koo Kam-yuk testified to being followed by private car 7658 while he was driving his master's car (615) along Castle Peak Road on the morning of November 5. His car, he said, was doing about 20 miles an hour.

Just before coming to the brewery he saw a military lorry approaching from the opposite direction at a speed faster than his own. Both he and the other driver swerved to their respective left and passed each other at the bend. His speed then was 13 miles an hour.

Defendant, giving evidence, said that he approached the corner at about 15 miles an hour, and that when he saw the car approaching he applied his brakes. He thought that he had just space enough to squeeze, though, but while doing so heard a crash at the front off-wheel.

After the impact, said defendant, he knew nothing more as he became unconscious. He was admitted to hospital suffering from cuts, bruises, abrasions and, he was told, concussion. He was in hospital for three weeks.

## Appears On Crutches

Lieutenant Whitney, who appeared in court on crutches, said that he was Officer-in-Charge of the truck which left "Pai Lam Camp for Whitefield Barracks on the morning in question. He was sitting next to the driver.

When they saw a car approaching from the opposite direction, the driver swung his wheel to the left, and the civilian driver did the same. After the collision, Cockerell tried to turn his vehicle further to the left, but failed to do so as something appeared to have gone wrong with the wheels.

Mr. Comber submitted that the military vehicle was only about six inches off its own side of the road, and that the driver did his very best to avoid a collision.

According to the evidence given by the prosecution, the offside of the private car was wrapped around the wheel of the lorry. This, he contended, might have affected the movements of the lorry after the impact.

Hearing was adjourned to the morning of February 2. During the adjournment, the magistrate will visit the scene with the prosecutor and defence counsel.

Summons for operating his massage establishment at 303-305 Hennessy Road, after the regular hours, Li Wen-jang, the manager, was given a nominal fine of \$25 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Inspector Dewar of Eastern Station prosecuted, and Mr. F. H. Loseby defended. After the last witness for the defence, Li Wen-jang, a girl employee of the establishment had given evidence, defence counsel submitted that, on the face value of the evidence by the prosecution, his client should be discharged.

Disagreeing with Mr. Loseby's contention, Mr. Lo said he was satisfied with the prosecution's evidence, but he would treat the case a technical one.

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## He's Wishing For Just A Small One

"The bigger the divan, the bigger the penalty," said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he sentenced Leung Tai-ching to six months' hard labour and recommended him for deportation on the charge of keeping an opium divan.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, said that it was a very well organised affair on the roof of 217 Portland Street and even had a buzzer fixed in it with the wires leading down to the ground floor, "but it did not do them any good this time."

The 30 smokers arrested during the raid by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie and his men at 8.45 p.m. on Wednesday were fined \$100 each, and the 10 pipes, 13 lamps and nine large pots of opium seized were ordered to be confiscated.

Also raided by DSI Leslie and Inspector Danbrowsky, half an hour later, Tung Lok Yeh, 47, at 2 Apple Street, first floor, was found to contain 10 smokers, four pipes, six lamps, and 15 small and one large pots of opium.

Tung was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for deportation, while his smokers were fined \$75 each. At 2 Apple Street, the keeper, Tan Village, Kowloon City, was raided by the police, led by Mr. George Leys, Divisional Superintendent, and found to contain 14 men, seven opium pipes, nine lamps and 13 pots of opium.

Tan, the keeper, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended to be deported. His 13 smokers were fined \$75 each.

A small divan in an unnumbered hut at Wuhu Street, Hung Hom, was visited by Sub-Inspector A. Leslie and the keeper, Chan Sang, and four smokers arrested.

Chan was sentenced to two months' penal servitude, and his smokers fined \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment. The three pipes, four lamps, and eight pots of opium were confiscated.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted in all cases.

## Arrested After Quarrel With Fellow Rogue

A story of how a youth, placed under police supervision eight months ago, fell into the hands of the police as the result of quarrelling with "a fellow rogue" was told in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's court at Kowloon yesterday by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans.

Lai Shu, aged 17, and Chan Chiu, aged 28, were seen by Detective-constables 712 and 1023 having a fight at Soy Street near Reclamation Street at 1 p.m. on January 4.

They were arrested and brought back to the Mong Kok Police Station where they told the story of the fight. It appeared that the youth, aged Chan 28, and when asked to repay it, was unable to do so.

He was ordered by Chan to take off his windbreaker and throw it for that sum. In the act of complying with the order, Lai had his jacket down to his elbow when Chan struck him on the chest.

On their records being checked, it was found that a circular was issued by the Mong Kok station when Lai failed to report in December, after having been put under police supervision for a year on April 23, 1948.

It was further revealed that he had four convictions for larceny from the person, dating back to November, 1946, and that Chan was convicted for the same type of offence on June 25, 1946.

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## Liberty Ship Towed Into Hong Kong

A Liberty ship was towed into the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by the ocean-going tug Sea Wolf, bringing the number of vessels towed here from Shanghai and Manila during the past few months for the Hong Kong Shipping Company to seven.

Arriving here without crew, flag or registry, the Henry L. Abbott, together with the other six, including some tankers, is, meanwhile, awaiting repairs.

The 1,176-ton ship is part of American war surplus, an official of the company said yesterday. There will be more such craft arriving here, but he could not indicate how many and when.

Meanwhile, the concrete ship, Feldspar, towed here by a tug from Manila, is also awaiting a survey and offers to use the vessel as a floating dangerous cargo storage. Repair of damage to the craft, sustained when she was en route from the Philippines during storms, has been completed.

## Steamer Off For Scrap Dump

After several months of roosting in Clover Cove, Tai-po, where she was taken for refuge against a typhoon lashing the Colony, the former passenger steamer Mongolia, now the Panamanian, is due to reach the Laichikok "Scrap Dump" today.

The 15,000-ton hull will be towed by the ocean-going tugs Frosty Muller and HMS Encore, from Tai-po to Laichikok, where she will be broken into pieces for the scrap heap of the Chiao Hua Manufactory Company, which produces steel rods, shipping chandlery and construction accessories.

The Panamanian was recently bought for about HK\$1,500,000 by the company. The craft flew the Panamanian flag during her service days. She arrived here in January last year from Singapore.

## Francis Wu Gets U.S. Award

Francis Wu, well known local photographer has been awarded a Fellowship by the Photographic Society of America at the Society's annual convention recently at Cincinnati, Ohio.

The award is the highest in America for photographic achievement. Only five Fellowships are awarded annually.

Mr. Wu has been invited to hold a one-man exhibition of 50 prints in the different states in America for about a year. He has also been invited to Ceylon.

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# Hong Kong's Stall At 1949 BIF

Witness, Au Pui, a chargeman employed by the Hung Hom electrical workshop, denied the allegations made by Mr. Percy Chen.

## Application

## Permission Granted?

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The petitioner, Mrs. Kwok Shau-ching of 114 Fa Street, Ground Floor, is represented by Mr. Charles Losol, instructed by Messrs. Hastings Company.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Messrs. A.S.K. Lau, and company is representing the respondent, Liang Shao-kow of 34 Nelson Hill Road 1st floor.

Hearing will continue at 11 today.



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evidence to show that defense  
Yip Ping, as chairman of  
workers' union, has had dissemi-  
nation with certain aspects of  
Chouk's business.

Continuing his cross examina-  
tion, Mr. de Silva asked: Did  
you take a statement from you  
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Who asked you to come to  
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HONG KONG & DIRECTORY (1948 Edition)—Containing Hong List, Government Offices, Hospitals, Schools, Churches, Consulates, Services, Clubs, Agencies, Who's Who, and Residences. All information complete to March 31, 1948. On sale at all leading Book Shops and "China Mail" Office.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES HOLDING

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Tenders are invited for the purchase of Surplus Small Tools applicable to general Trades.

Applications for Form of Tender and permission to view are to be addressed to the:—

The Superintending Civil Engineer,

C.E.-in-C. Department, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong.

not later than Monday, 10th January, 1949.

## WAR DEPARTMENT NOTICE

DISPOSAL SURPLUS STORES

The following surplus stores, situated at ESD Shamshulpo, are to be sold by tender.

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Tender form and order to view may be obtained from CRAOC HQ Land Forces on payment of 50 HK\$ returnable on opening of Tenders.

Tenders close 1200 hours January 14, 1949.

## NOTICE

As of October 1, 1948, I, H. F. Shields, have taken into partnership N. J. Whelpton, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng., and we will continue to practise dentistry at the former address, Rooms 211/215 (Telephone 27447), Gloucester Building, under the partnership name of "Shields & Whelpton".

As from January 3, 1949, we will also maintain an office in Kowloon at No. 1, Salisbury Road (opposite Kowloon Star Ferry, next to Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharves main gate; Telephone 50245).

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL

Members and Guests attending St. George's Ball are requested to note the following points:—

1. Entrance to the Peninsula Hotel is by the main door only.

2. Admittance to the Ball is by ticket only and these MUST be presented on entering. Tickets cannot be obtained at the door and no signatures will be accepted.

3. There will be a late service of Star Ferries from Kowloon at 1.30 a.m., 2.00 a.m., and 2.30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

4. The first supper will be served at 11.00 p.m. and Members and Guests are particularly requested to ascertain beforehand from the Notice Boards the tables which have been reserved for them. Members and Guests for whom reservations have been made in the first sitting should proceed to their tables immediately after the Lancers.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO., Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hong Kong, January 6, 1949.

## NOTICE

As from the 1st February, Mr. G. T. Palmer will be in charge of our Building Supplies Department.

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January 5, 1949.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO. 3 OF 1949

HONG KONG WATERS

Western Approaches

Establishment of Mark buoy for Radio Direction Finding Calibration Range

Position.—Lat. 22 deg. 15' 30" N. (approx.); Long. 114 deg. 00' 00" E. (approx.).

Details.—Mark buoy painted black and white horizontal stripes.

Remarks.—Mark buoy laid January 4, 1949. Previous Notice to Mariners No. 30 of 1948 refers.

Charts affected.—1180, 1460, 3429, 1962.

Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Department, Hong Kong, January 5, 1949.

## NOTICE

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

Medical Department

REMINDER

Every person licensed in respect of a maternity home, who desires to continue to be so licensed for the year 1949, must make application and pay the prescribed fee of \$5 to the Supervisor of Midwives, Post Office Building, top floor, before the end of January, 1949.

I. NEWTON,

Director of Medical Services.

January 3, 1949.

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## No More Licences For Smuggler-Type Craft

Vessels of the type belonging to the 12 boat masters, charged with breach of harbour regulations, are commonly used by smugglers infesting the fringe of local waters, Sub-Inspector Hughes of the Water Police told the Marine Court yesterday.

These craft would not be licensed by the Marine Department as motor junkies in accordance with local regulations, nor would they be recognized by the Chinese authorities.

Imposing heavy fines on each, Mr. D.G. Cairns remarked that in future he would deal severely with all similar offenders.

The defendants were charged with anchoring in a port other than one of the Colony, possessing an unlicensed vessel and failing to report arrival. Three were on bail of \$500 each.

The majority of them pleaded having had engine troubles which caused them to seek refuge in British waters to repair their engines, being forced by bad weather, or stopping to purchase things. Some pleaded guilty, with "I have nothing to say."

Ten were each fined \$250 or one month's imprisonment. Chung Yau-shu, 28-year-old, Motor junk master, charged only with anchoring in a place other than a port of Hong Kong and failing to report his arrival here, was fined \$150 on the first count and \$50 on the other. He pleaded that he was en route to Tai Shan when his engine gave trouble, forcing him to anchor in Castle Peak Bay.

A 21-year-old defendant was cautioned on the charge of having no licence. He was fined \$150 on the other two counts.

Chun Koi told the Court that his vessel was originally licensed as a motor fishing junk. He gave notice some time last year to the Marine Department that he had altered his craft to an ordinary fishing junk. But after he had re-installed an engine he had not registered it as a mechanised junk.

Defendant said he was on his way to apply for a licence when he was arrested.

A boat mistress was brought up before Mr. Cairns charged with conveying prostitutes to a steamer, moored mid-stream, on January 6. She pleaded that she did not realise the women were prostitutes.

Sub-Inspector Nippard of the port of Hong Kong and failing to Water Police prosecuted.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1949

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.).

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all club etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

FUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each (including tax) for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

## THE HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

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Thursday, 6th January at 9 p.m.

Friday, 7th January at 7 p.m.

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For Kowloon Residents a special Ferry will run from Folio Pier, Kowloon to the Fenwick Rd. Pier (opp. Theatre) at 2.25 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday 6th and 8th January and on Friday 7th at 6.25 p.m. returning immediately after the Show. Fare for return Journey \$1.

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## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authorities

## GIVE HIM EVERY CHANGE

TOP-RANK players are now agreed upon the best way to open the bidding with a hand not quite strong enough for an opening game-strength suit bid of two, but which contains three biddable suits, and a singleton. Regardless of which may be the singleton suit, they start the ball rolling with a call of 1-Club when they hold such a powerful hand. That makes it easy for the partner to show a biddable holding in any of the opener's suits, and if he does the opener then can jump at once to game in it.

With three suits of four cards in a hand of bare borderline strength, it usually is best to open with a suit immediately beneath the singleton, since the partner's most likely response is in the suit in which the bidder has the fewest cards. In other words, if the singleton is in spades, a heart opening is usually best; if in hearts, a diamond call; if in diamonds, 1-Club; if in clubs, 1-Spade. With a hand of quite good strength, most good players would rather open with their highest ranking four-carder and follow with the other suits in descending order.

This idea of opening extremely powerful hands, just under two-bid strength, with 1-Club, regardless of what may be the three suits, was first introduced six years ago by Cecil Head of New York, who now holds the Masters Pairs championship, partnered with S. Garton Churchill.

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1 C Pass 1 H Pass  
4 H

This deal was produced by the shuffle for a duplicate tournament, in which those who made the expert opening of 1-Club were tied for top score on the board, for all of them made the contract and all except one careless declarer scored an extra trick. Those who bid according to the old-fashioned procedure opening with 1-Spade and intending on succeeding turns, it is prepared for bids of hearts and then diamonds, found them-

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## THE FIFTY-FIRST INSTALMENT

## CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's  
Own Story Of The War  
In Europe

South. At the same time we had to thrust toward the Northeast with great strength. In this way we would, incidentally, quickly clear the area from which the V-1 and V-2 bombs had been consistently bombarding Southern England. But the principal object was the early capture of Antwerp, with a line to the Eastward thereof that would protect us in the use of that great port.

All this conformed to original plans except that the prospect of a speedy, instead of a halting advance, promised early use of the ports farther North and lessened our dependence upon the Brittany ports. But the problem remaining to be determined was whether or not our supply system, handicapped as it had been through all the first seven weeks of the battle, could support our movements up to and including the accomplishment of these purposes.

All units were certainly going to be short of supply. The task was to allot deficits so as to avoid stopping troops before they had accomplished their main objectives, and this in turn meant that the formation could get one pound of supply over and above that needed for basic missions.

When action is proceeding as rapidly as it did across France during the hectic days of late August and early September every commander from division level upward becomes obsessed with the idea that with only a few more tons of supply he could rush right on and win the war. This is the spirit that wins wars and is always to be encouraged. Initiative, confidence, and boldness are among the most admirable traits of the great combat leader. As we dashed across France and Belgium each commander, therefore, begged and demanded priority over all others and it was undeniable that in front of each were opportunities for quick exploitation that made these demands completely logical.

In the last summer days of 1944 it was known to us that the German still had disposable reserves within his own country. Any idea of attempting to thrust forward a small force, bridge the Rhine, and continue on into the heart of Germany was completely fantastic. Even had such a force been able to start with a total of ten or a dozen divisions—and it is certain no more could have been supported even temporarily—the attacking column would have gradually grown smaller as it dropped off units to protect its flanks and would have ended up facing insuperable defeat. Such an attempt would have played into the hands of the enemy.

The more the entire situation was studied the more it became clear that the plan arrived at through weeks and months of earnest study was still applicable, even though the immediate conditions under which it would be executed did not conform to the detailed possibilities we had projected into the operation. Consequently I decided that we would thrust forward on our right to a point of junction with General Devers' forces, which we believed would be in the region of Dijon, while on the left Montgomery would be ordered to push forward as rapidly as possible, to make certain of securing a line that would adequately cover Antwerp. Bradley directed Hodges' First Army to advance abreast of the British formations, roughly in the general direction of Aachen, so as to make certain of success on our left.

We hoped that this Northeastward thrust would go so rapidly and that the collapse of the German would be so great that we might even gain, before the inevitable halt came about, a bridgehead over the Rhine which would immediately threaten the Ruhr. It was under this general plan that the battling of the succeeding weeks took place.

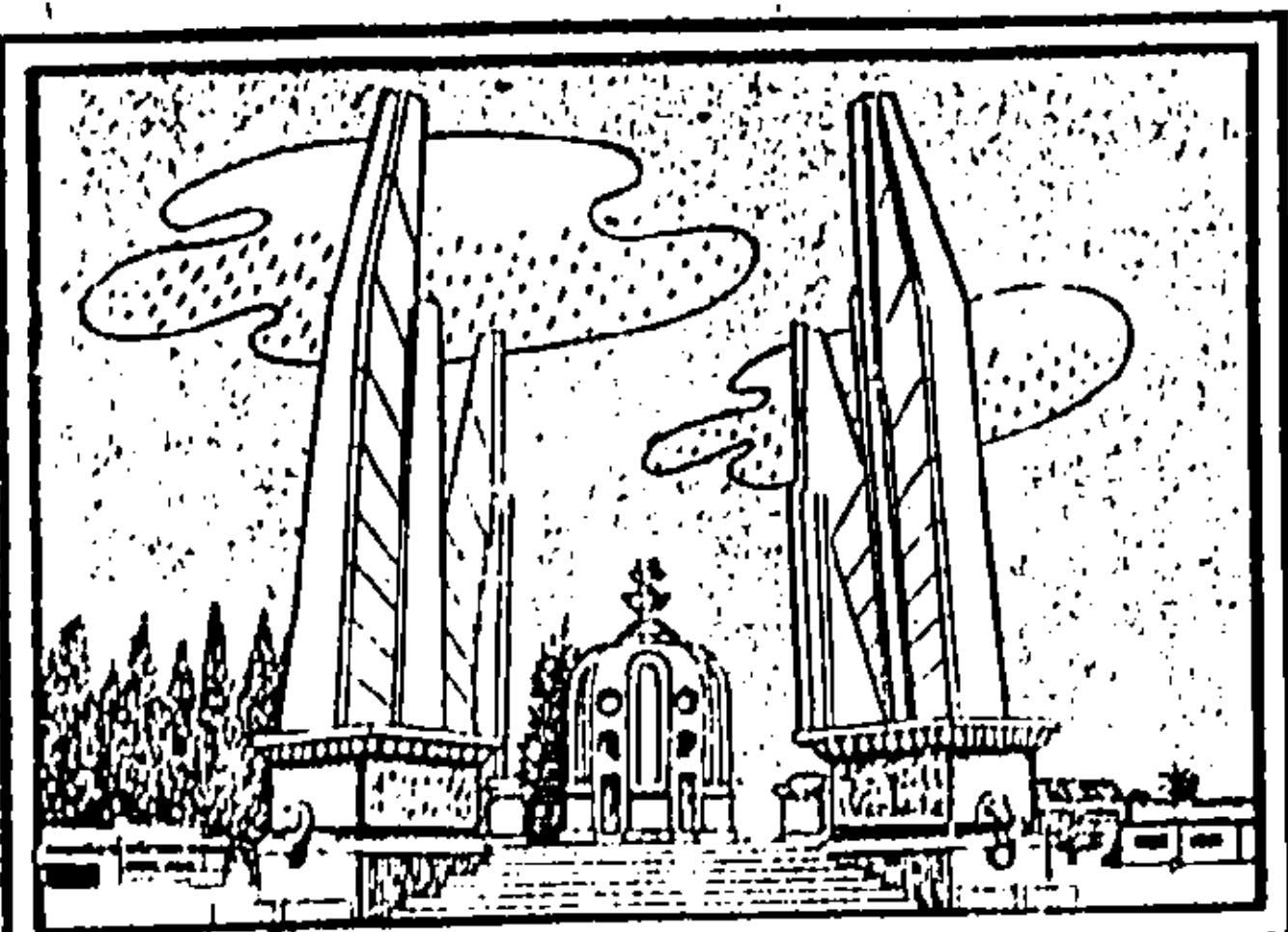
While affairs on the front of the Twelfth and Twenty-first Army Groups were proceeding in such satisfactory fashion, Lieutenant General Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army was achieving remarkable results in the South of France. At the conference of Allied war leaders at Teterham, in late 1943, the Western Allies had informed Generalissimo Stalin that a secondary movement into the South of France would be an integral part of our invasion across the Channel to establish the second front in Europe. However, in early 1944 the Allies were waging one campaign in Italy and were planning for the great adventure of Overlord. During all the first half of 1944, therefore it was impossible for General Wilson, commanding in the Mediterranean, to secure estimates of what might be available for the Dragon attack.

My decision in January that the Overlord attack must be carried out on a front of five divisions had made it impossible to launch the Dragon attack simultaneously with the Overlord planning. A vast amount of study and telegraphic correspondence subsequently developed between the Combined Chiefs of Staff, General Wilson, and my headquarters concerning the wisdom of persisting in the plan. From the beginning I had been an ardent advocate of this secondary attack and never in all the long period of discussion would I agree to its elimination from our plans. In this position I was supported by General Marshall.

All these arguments and discussions were now definitely things of the past and we were assured that very shortly there would be a force, to be constituted as General Devers' Sixth Army Group, of at least ten American and French divisions in Southern France driving northward to join us and that these would be followed quickly by reinforcing divisions from the United States. There was no development of that period which added more decisively to our advantages or added us more in this secondary attack and complete defeat of the German forces than did this secondary attack coming up the Rhine Valley.

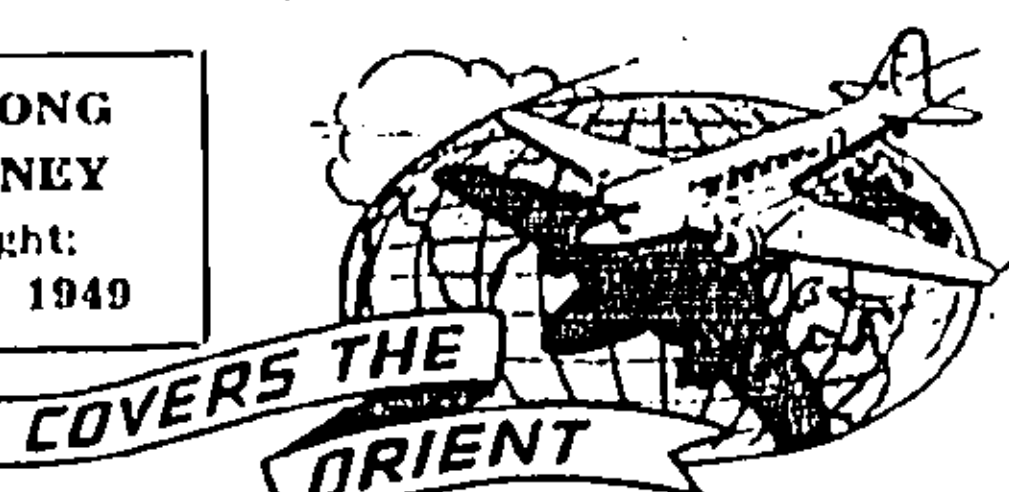
Because of the distance of General Patch's troops from my headquarters and the lack of communications, it had been arranged that General Wilson was to retain operational control of that force until it was possible for me to establish the machinery for command. This date we estimated as September 15. However, from the beginning of the Southern invasion all battle fronts in France really became one, and all plans, both tactical and logistical, were devised upon the assumption that soon the whole would constitute one continuous order of battle. This we wanted to bring about quickly, and with the conclusion of the fighting on the Seine at the end of August, Bradley ordered Patton's Third Army to move forward with a primary mission of linking quickly with the Seventh Army to form a continuous front.

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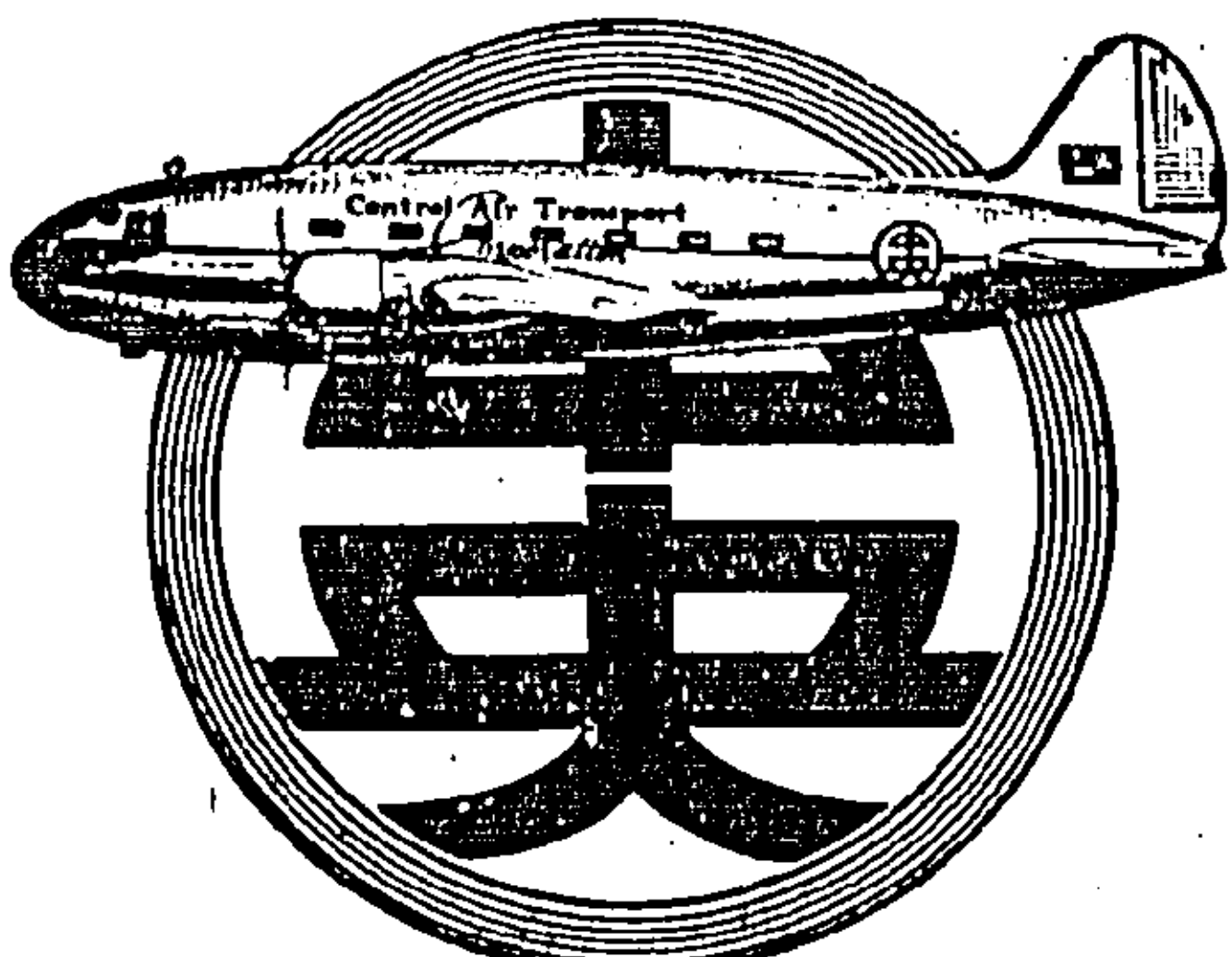
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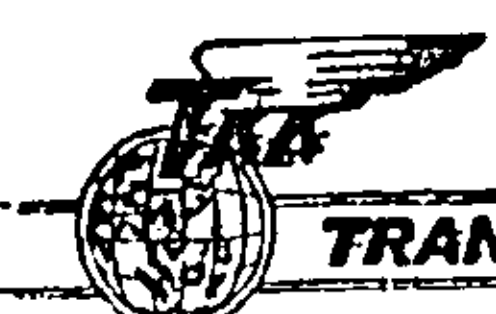


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## SOCIAL WELFARE

There is, of course, no real answer to Father Ryan's penetrating analysis of what is wrong with the social structure of Hong Kong. At least, there could not be were this Colony situated in any other part of the globe than the China coast, and so close that to talk, as did the YMCA Debating Group the same evening, of restricting the immigration of Chinese seeking refuge, is to close all eyes to the realities. Give us the benefits of being a self-contained community, free to admit or exclude those useful as citizens, or unwanted, as the case might be, and Father Ryan's appeal would be irresistible. We all know, or most of us, how disgracefully far behind we are. We all know why privilege remains ensconced. Or most of us. The appalling housing conditions of the poor; the absence of educational facilities for thousands of children; the hopeless inadequacy of medical care for those in greatest need who are without resources; in general, the relative indifference to the well-being of the great mass of Hong Kong's community, are all too apparent. This, indeed, is part of the trouble. So much of misery, of suffering and distress, of wretchedness and desolation, is about us that it is the unfortunate tendency to become inured, and to take refuge in what comfort can be derived from the saying that "the poor are always with us." From this attitude of mind, or closing of the mind, Father Ryan spoke was designed to shake us, and it will have achieved its purpose if it accomplishes no more than to compel us, (meaning the community and the government) to a re-examination of our approach and our consciences. Frankly, and Father Ryan spoke frankly enough, we would say that there was too much missing in his exposition of the requirements. Nothing was said, of any moment, about the cost of the programme. No hint was given of the method by which this Colony would deal with the huddle which appears immediately any suggestion is made of extending social welfare commitments—the certainty of a heavy influx of Chinese from the hinterland only too willing to participate in their benefits. Father Ryan would doubtless dismiss this instinctive resistance as representing the mentality of 50 years ago, but he too, in his analysis dealt with what he called the theoretical and the practical. Theoretically, all possessed with a social conscience must agree wholeheartedly with everything that Father Ryan urged. Practically, they must compromise and do the best they can under existing conditions.

A reinforced division, in active operations, consumes from 600 to 700 tons of supplies per day. When battling in a fixed position, most of this tonnage is represented in ammunition; on the march the bulk is devoted to gasoline and lubricants, called, in the language of the supply officer, POL. With thirty-six divisions in action we were faced with the problem of delivering from beaches and ports to the front lines some 20,000 tons of supplies every day. Our beaches, moreover, were moving, swiftly, frequently seventy-five miles per day. The supply service had to catch these with loaded trucks. Every mile of advance doubled the difficulty because the supply truck had always to make a two-way run to the beaches and back, in order to deliver the loads to the marching troops. Other thousands of tons had to go into advanced airfields for construction and subsequent maintenance. Still additional amounts were required for repair of bridges and roads, for which heavy equipment was necessary.

During the days that we were repaid off in the beachhead we could not foresee the exact reaction of the enemy following upon a successful breakout on our right. His most logical move appeared to be a swinging of his troops back toward the Seine, to defend the crossings of that river. If he had chosen to do this he could undoubtedly have made a stubborn defence of that obstacle until our advancing troops were able to outflank him and force evacuation.

If we had been compelled to fight a general battle on the Seine our lines of communication would have been relatively short and the logistic problem would have been solved gradually, conforming to the pace that our own troops could advance. However, when the enemy decided, under Hitler's insistence, to stand where he was and to counterattack against the flank of our marching columns at Mortain, the entire prospect was changed.

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## Right of Entry

A statement from the Public Relations Office yesterday warned the public to guard against persons pretending to be Government representatives, pointing out that residents have the right to demand identification

Against a defeated and demoralised enemy almost any reasonable risk is justified and the success attained by the victor will ordinarily be measured in the boldness, almost boldheadedness, of his movements. The whole purpose of the costly break-through and the whirlwind attacks of the succeeding three weeks was to produce just such a situation as now confronted us; so as to reap the richest harvest from the initial success. But the difficulties of supply, once our columns began their forward race, was a problem that required effective solution if we were to gain our full battle profit.

Our logistic formations had been confined in a very restricted area during the entire Battle of the Beachhead. The only operating ports were Cherbourg and the artificial port on the British beaches near Arromanches. The repair of Cherbourg had presented many difficulties. The harbour and approaches had to be cleared of hundreds of mines, many of them of new and particularly efficient types. We began using the port in July, but it did not reach volume production until the middle of August. The artificial port on the American beaches had been demolished in the June storm. From Arromanches and Cherbourg we had not been able to project toward the Cotentin Peninsula, where we would have done had our breakthrough line actually been as far to the Southward as the base of the Cotentin Peninsula, where we originally expected it to be. All our marching columns, therefore, had to be supplied from stocks located over 100 miles away, and over roads and railways that had to be repaired as we advanced.

These meagre facilities could not support us indefinitely and there was bound to be a line somewhere in the direction of Germany where we would be halted, if not by the action of the enemy, then because our supply lines had been strained to their elastic limit.

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We grasped eagerly at the opportunity to swing in from the South against his rear in the attempt to accomplish a complete destruction of all his forces, because, if we were successful, then the intermediate battles that we had always calculated as possibilities on the Seine and on the Somme would not be fought and our problem became a calculation of the furthestmost line we could hope to reach before we completely outran supply.

Consequently, while General Bradley was swinging the mass of his forces in toward the German rear it became necessary for me to review our entire plan of campaign to determine what major changes this new development would indicate as desirable. The two most hopeful probabilities then presented to us were the early capture of Marseille, far in the South, and Antwerp, in Belgium. Possession of this latter port, if usable, would solve our logistic problems for the entire Northern half of our front. Not only was Antwerp the greatest port in Europe but its location, well forward toward the borders of Germany, would reduce our rail and truck haulage to the point where supply should no longer be a limiting factor in the prosecution of the campaign, at least in the Northern sectors.

We hoped for the early use of Marseille because the Germans had already largely denuded that area of mobile divisions, and speedy capture should prevent extensive demolition. Final success in that region would afford the right flank of the Allies the best possible supply lines. Through that avenue would pour early reinforcements from the United States, and the capacity of the Rhone was so great that after they were once operating we should have no great difficulty with the logistic support of any part of our lines South of the Luxembourg region.

To make full use of these two probabilities it was, of course, important that the right flank of our own armies join up as quickly as possible with General Devers' Sixth Army Group, which would be coming up from the

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## Lesson 11.

## Vocabulary:—

59. (tim) deem?

A dot. To check. How?

60. (fan) fun?

A division; minute. To divide.

61. (tsz) dzee

A character; word.

62. (kwat) gwut?

Bone. A quarter.

63. (poon) boon?

Half.

## Useful phrases:

(6) "Yee gah"

Now.

(7) "Shee gaan"

Time.

## Combinations:

1. Deem? jung?

O'clock. Hour.

2. Gay? daw? deem? jung?

How many hours?

3. Gay? (daw?) deem? jung?

What o'clock? What time?

4. Shup yee deem? jung?

Twelve o'clock. Twelve hours.

5a. Ng fun? jung?

Five minutes.

5b. Yut? gaw? dzee jung?

Five minutes.

6a. Shup ng fun? jung?

Fifteen minutes.

6b. Saam? gaw? dzee jung?

Fifteen minutes.

7a. Yut? gaw? gwut? jung?

Quarter of an hour.

7b. Saam? shup? jung?

Thirty minutes.

7c. Yut? deem? boon? jung?

Half an hour.

8. Yut? deem? boon? jung?

Half past one.

9. Yut? deem? boon? jung?

An hour and a half.

10. Yut? deem? boon? jung?

Time.

11. Gay? deem? jung? neh?

What time is it?

12. Yut? deem? jung?

It is one o'clock.

13. Leung deem? ling? ng fun? (jung?)

2.05.

14. Saam? deem? yut? gaw? aze (jung?)

3.05.

15. Say? deem? shup? ng fun? (jung?)

4.15.

16. Ng deem? saam? gaw? dzee (jung?)

5.15.

17. Look deem? yut? gaw? gwut? (jung?)

It is quarter past six.

18. Tsut? deem? saam? shup fun? (jung?)

7.30.

19. Baat? deem? boon? (jung?)

It is half past eight.

20. Gau? deem? say? shup? ng fun? (jung?)

9.45.

21. Shup deem? gau? gaw? dzee (jung?)

10.45.

22. Shup yut? deem? saam? gaw? gwut? (jung?)

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# "FIGHT TO VERY END" Communists Spurn Chiang Overtures For Peace "COMPLETE DESTRUCTION" OF NATIONALIST REGIME

London, January 5.

The Chinese Communists are reported to threaten Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nanking regime with "complete destruction."

A North Shensi Chinese Communist broadcast mentioned in San Francisco says that the Communist forces will carry the revolution to the very end. The broadcast says that Generalissimo Chiang's New Year peace overture was aimed at preserving the Chinese reactionaries and American aggressive forces in China.

The Radio adds: "Only a million and several hundred thousand Kuomintang combat troops remain to face a Peoples Liberation Army more than three million strong."

The people's war is approaching final victory, which means the complete destruction of the Kuomintang reactionaries and the expulsion of the forces of American imperial aggression from China.

The Radio added: "The fact that Chiang Kai-shek, the Communist traitor, has appealed for 'peace' is not only ridiculous, but further exposes the true face of these peace plots."

"It reveals that the Kuomintang (Government) regime is down but not completely out, and the American imperialist forces of aggression in China are in desperate need of a breathing spell."

## Federal Classes

The broadcast says Generalissimo Chiang's peace-terms are designed to protect the sanctity of American imperialism, unequal treaties and military bases, the right of the Kuomintang compradore feudal classes to continue to exploit the great masses of workers, peasants and intelligentsia and the right of the latter to be exploited and to continue existence at the present sub-human standards of living.

The Communist broadcast threatens an imminent assault on Peiping, but offers General Fu Tso-yi, the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief in North China, a guarantee that the lives and property of himself and his men will be spared if he surrenders at once.

"The Red Army will permit him to atone," says the broadcast.

## Doctor Helpless In Face Of Gale

London, January 5.

Dr. Hugh Love, of Patrington, near Hull, stood on a gale-swept beach at the mouth of the Humber within a few yards of his patient but was unable to help him.

His only protection from the gale was a borrowed beret and a soldier's gas cape. His patient was William Belt, aged 47, of Grimsby, one of the crew of 11 of the trawler *Uveroy*.

Belt was seriously injured during the gale when caught between two hawfers four days out from Grimsby. The vessel was headed for home at full speed but ran aground.

An SOS for the doctor was sent by hand signal from the trawler, but the local doctor could not be reached as the gale had blown down telephone wires.

Dr. Love, brought from Hull in a police car, waded time and again into the sea but was driven back by the surf. Eventually, after two hours, he reached the trawler and was hauled on board.

The doctor and a fisherman lashed Belt in a blanket and a linen sling. They were unable to pass him through the narrow companionway, so the chief engineer broke the doorway down.

Belt was then lowered over the side to the beach—the rising tide being beaten by a few minutes.

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## Air Service To Peiping Starting Up

Shanghai, January 6.  
The China National Aviation Corporation service to Peiping, suspended about three weeks ago, will be resumed from today, according to a CNAO announcement.

Planes will land at the improved Temple of Heaven airfield. Thirty-six seater planes of the C-46 type will be used on the flight to Peiping on a one round trip daily basis.

The planes will travel via Tientsin on both outgoing and incoming trips.—Reuter.

## MANILA STRIKE DANGER OVER

Manila, January 6.

A strike of more than 1,000 workers, employees of the Manila Electric Company which supplies the Manila area with electric power, has been averted.

The workers threatened to strike due to the Company's dismissal of 20 employees allegedly in violation of the existing agreement. Due to the intervention of the Department of Labour, management and workers finally reached an agreement under which the dismissed men will be reinstated.

The workers belong to the Public Utilities Employees Association.—United Press.

## UN Offer?

The broadcast also threatened a general assault on Tientsin and Tangku, the two other North China positions still holding out against Communist encirclement.

At Lake Success, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, said he will consider the possibility of offering the good offices of the United Nations to the Chinese Government and the Communist factions in an effort to reach an agreement.

He added that he will recommend such a "feasibility" next week.

Article 99 of the United Nations Charter empowers the Secretary General to "bring to the attention of the Security Council any matter which, in his opinion, may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security."

(The Chinese Government was last week reported to be trying to open direct negotiations with the Communists after the failure of efforts to get third party mediation.)

## General's Move

Meanwhile, reports, lacking official verification, say that the Government's Central China Commander, General Pai Chung-hsi, has ordered his troops in the Pukow-Pengpu area to return to Hankow for movement to the South.

The reports indicate that General Pai is dissatisfied with Generalissimo Chiang's New Year's statement.

These reports, which possibly indicate that General Pai and other members of the "Kiang Province Generals' clique" are making ready for a separate settlement with the Communists, say that General Pai is preparing to move his main headquarters southward from Hankow.

Since his 12th Army Group was destroyed by Communist encirclement South West of Suhsien, the only important troops under his command in this area are the 20th Army.

## Not Unexpected

The Red radio's flat rejection of any peace suggestions from Nanking was interpreted as locking the door which had already been slammed by earlier rejections.

The decision, which this time seems to be pretty final, is not unexpected on the basis of earlier broadcasts first rejecting Premier Sun Fo's "honourable peace" offer and later in a statement denouncing the peace offensive as inspired by American imperialism supported by the British and French.

As it now stands, about the sole comfort the Generalissimo can get from the rejection is the knowledge that the Communists now can be held up before the nation as responsible for continuing the civil war.

If the broadcast is accepted by the Government as official, then the Generalissimo's promise to continue fighting, plus the

## Marines Get Busy On Packing

Tsingtao, January 6.

Despite reports to the contrary, Vice-Admiral Oscar C. Badger and the American marines under him here are packing and packing fast.

Persistent reports say that the National Shantung University campus, at present used by the Marines as a barracks, is to be evacuated according to schedule on January 25.

## War Bride Burned To Death

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, January 5.

A British war bride, her husband, their young son and three other persons were burned to death early today in a farmhouse fire.

It is believed the fire started when chickens upset a kerosene brooder stove on the front porch. The victims were Mrs. Theresa Lick, who came from Edinburgh, Scotland, her husband Percy, 30, their son Vincent, five, Percy's brother George and two others.

The fire levelled a two-story cinder, brick and frame house occupied by three families.

Eight other occupants escaped in their nightclothes or were rescued by relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lick's baby son, Michael, aged two, who was believed to have been tossed out of a window, was treated in a hospital for burns.—United Press.

## Nanking Gloom

The first unofficial reaction from Nanking is one of gloominess on the part of those who have taken the most active part in the peace offensive.

Some observers, however, are wondering if Mao Tze-tung, Chou En-lai and other leaders have had time to digest the import of the growing amount of appeals directed toward them from outside the Government to accept peace offers.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

## Chang Lan Says Mao Is Not Pro-Russian

Shanghai, January 5.

Mr. Chang Lan, chairman of the outlawed Democratic League, said today that Mao Tze-tung, Chinese Communist leader, is a Communist for China, not for international Communism.

Mr. Chang was asked by the United Press for his opinion on whether the Chinese Reds are Chinese Nationalists at heart or Cominform Communists.

Mr. Chang replied: "I have never been to Communist areas, and I can only express an opinion based on the book 'New Democracy' by Mao Tze-tung. Mao, in the book, apparently follows the principles laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen which, if he sticks to them, would identify Mao Tze-tung as a Communist for China, not for international Communism."

Asked if he felt that Mao Tze-tung followed the Cominform line in his criticism of Marshal Tito, Mr. Chang said: "I read the newspapers, but I am not sure of his motive—whether it was only a gesture toward the Cominform or if he meant to be fully subscribed to their policies. I hope at least that Mao Tze-tung will stick to his 'New Democracy' ideals and will not follow the Cominform."

The implication is that if leaders of the Chinese Reds follow

## Associates Go North

Discussing the Communist-sponsored political conference in North China, Mr. Chang said that several of his former associates of the Democratic League from Hong Kong have already left for the North. He named two of them—Sen Chuen-ju and Chiang Pao-chuen.

Regarding the part the exiled Marshal Li Chai-sun, who is also en route to the conference, might play in any new government, Mr. Chang said he would almost certainly have the highest position.

As for himself, Mr. Chang reiterated that he was not even invited to be present at the meeting in the Red-held area. He said he had heard rumours about him going but he is definitely staying in Shanghai, and he added that as long as there is no armistice or truce in the civil war and until both the Communists and Nationalists clearly demonstrate the most sincere desire to get together to form a coalition government, he is not attending any kind of conference.

But he added: "Once fighting ends and serious discussions begin, whether held in the North or at Nanking, I will go."

Asked if he would serve in the coalition government, Mr. Chang said: "No. I am too old."—United Press.

## FRENCH SUPPORT FOR ITALY

Rome, January 5.

According to a reliable source Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, today told the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission that the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, has promised French support for Italy's admission to the Western European Consultative Council and continued support for her claims in North Africa.—Reuter.

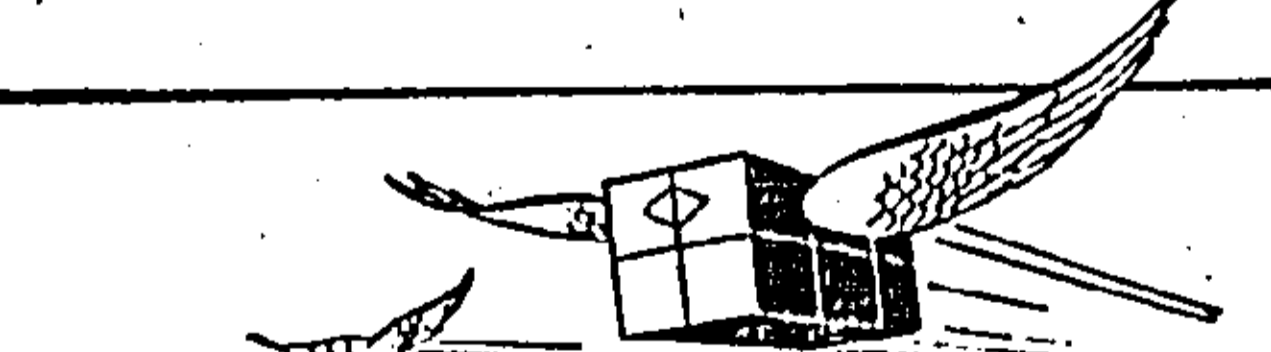
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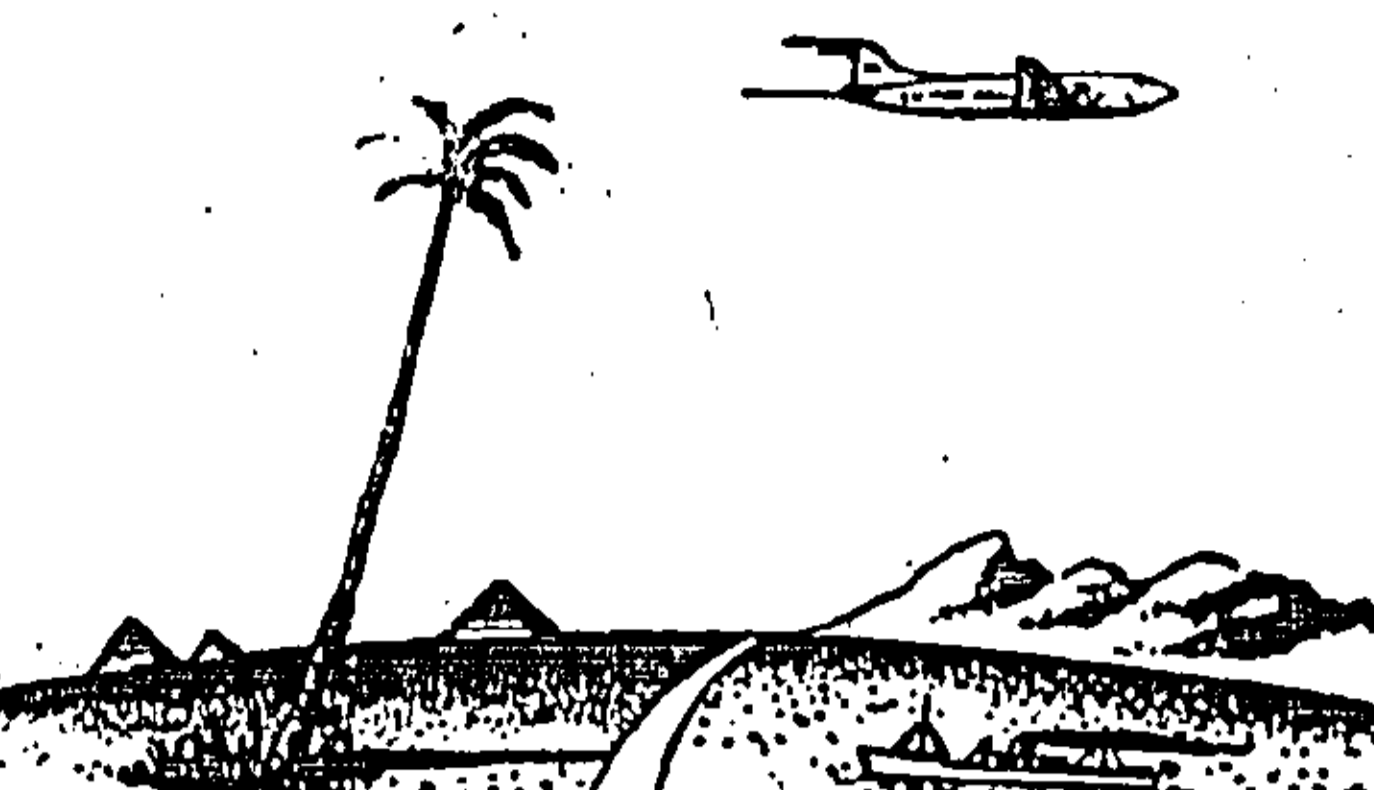
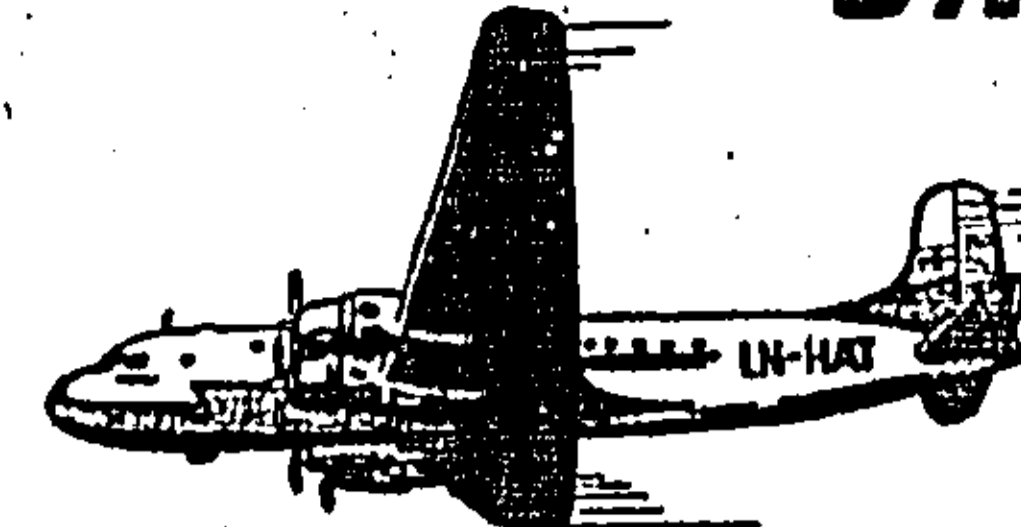
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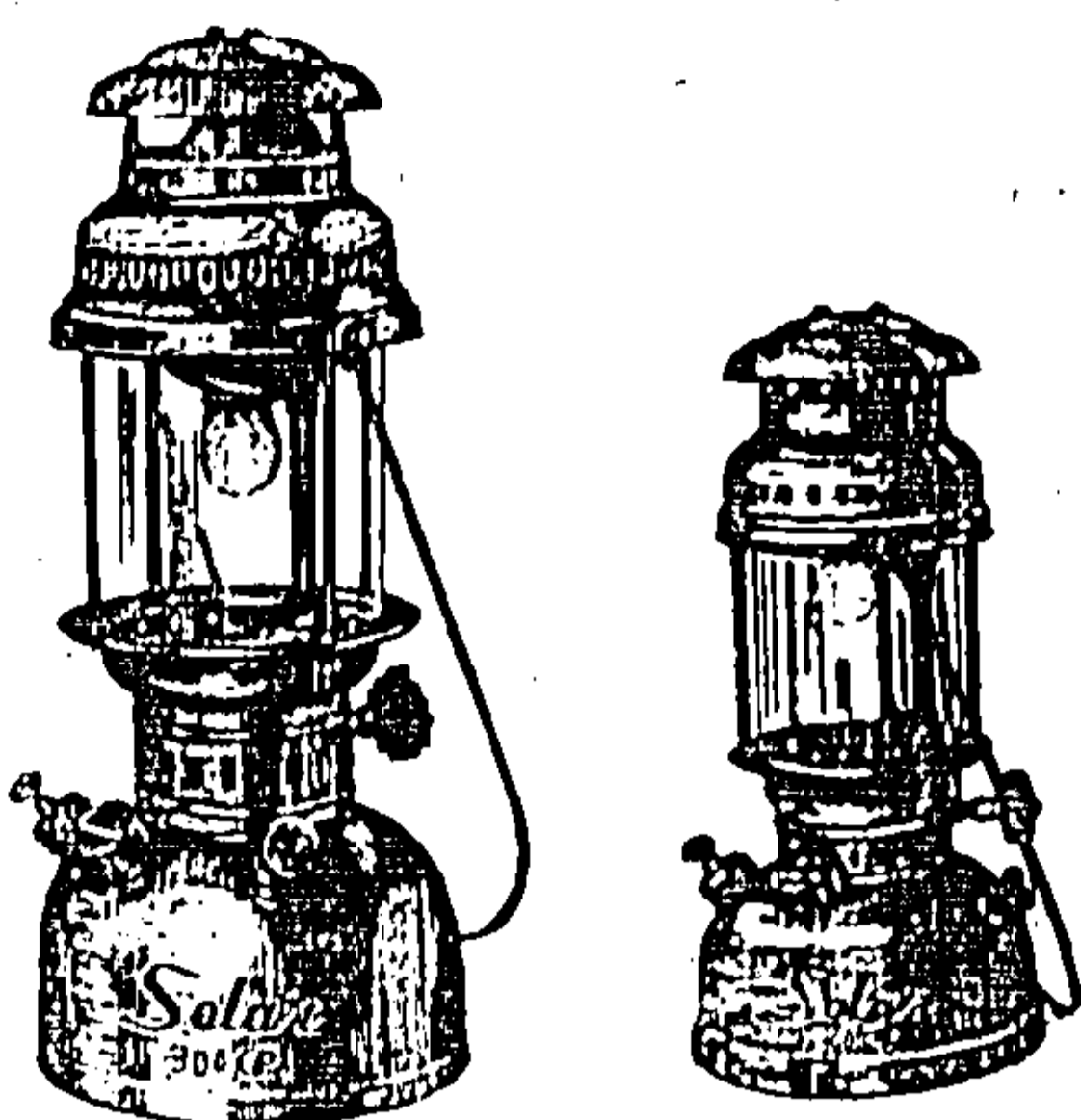
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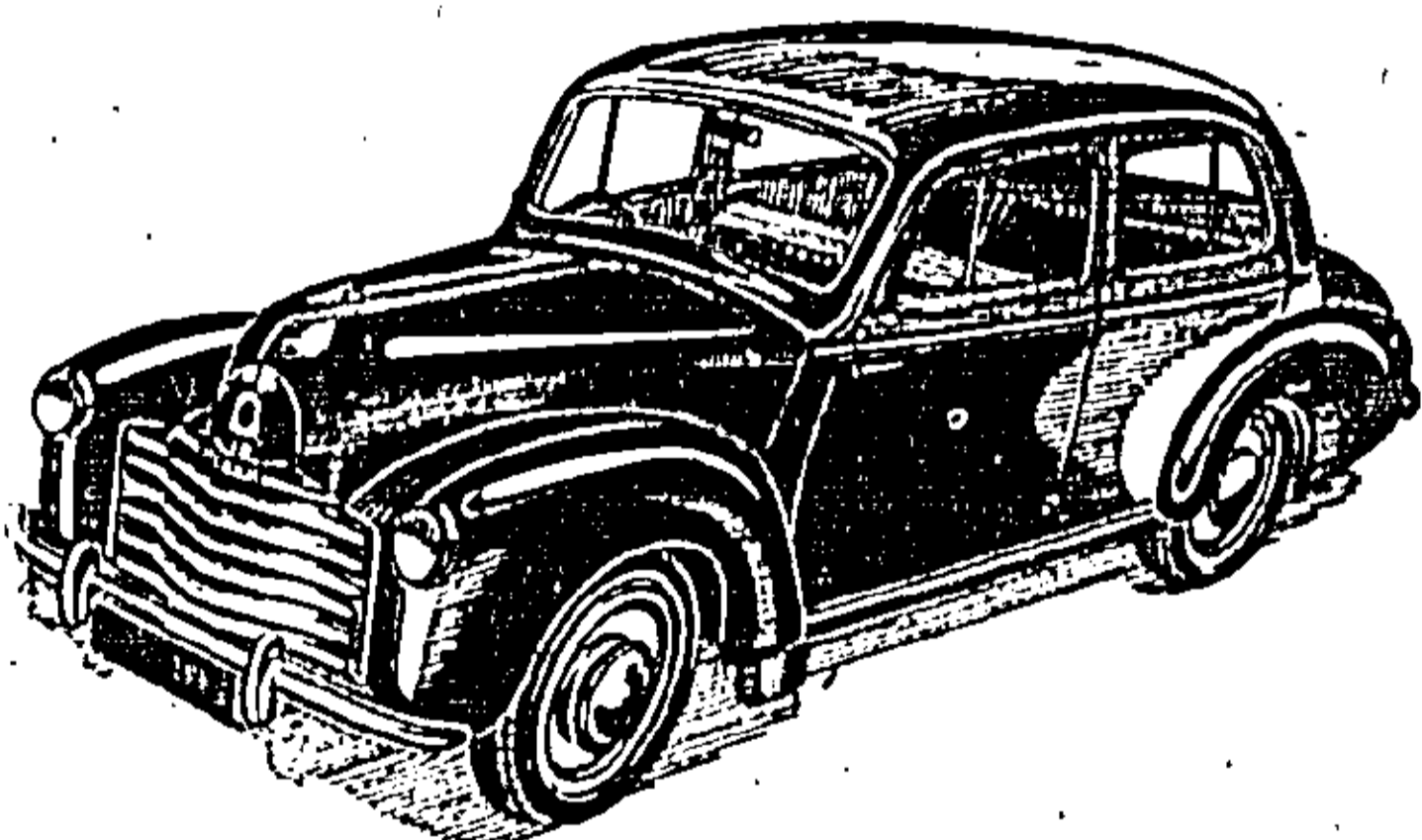
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## NEHRU PLAN CALLED NEW MONROE DOCTRINE

New York, January 5.

The Star today publishes an editorial entitled  
"Monroe Doctrine for Asia?"  
It hails Indian Premier Pandit Nehru's call for a  
conference of South East Asia nations to help  
the Indonesians.

It is an answer to pessimists  
who claim that we have lost the  
peace, it says.  
The editorial says that the  
meeting might well result in  
warning the rest of the world  
that the countries of Asia will  
use their full weight to resist  
imperialist encroachment any-  
where in their part of the world.  
These developments, it is  
stated, are positive long-term  
developments against those who  
say "We have lost the peace."  
The editorial adds: "The Dutch  
will never again be able to profit  
from their colonial holdings  
as they did before."

### East's Realisation

"A handful of partisans armed  
with a few stolen machine  
guns, some home-made grenades  
and a supply of TNT  
sticks could threaten the best  
trained and equipped armies."  
It says that the Dutch "will  
also learn that their successful  
Nations will not check moral and  
material support for the In-  
donesian Republic."  
"The peoples of the East are  
conscious that they must begin  
to solve their mutual problems  
co-operatively."—United Press.

## Korea Aid Programme

Washington, January 6.  
President Harry A. Truman  
has instructed Mr. Paul G.  
Hoffman, Economic Co-operation  
Administrator, to take over the  
relief and rehabilitation  
programme in Korea.

The White House announced  
this on Wednesday in a statement  
which said:  
"As anticipated in his an-  
nouncement of August 26, 1948,  
and following the full recognition  
of the Government of the Re-  
public of Korea by the United  
States on January 1, 1949, the  
President has instructed the  
Economic Co-operation Adminis-  
trator to take over the relief and  
rehabilitation programme which  
has been carried on by the De-  
partment of the Army in Korea  
since the liberation of that coun-  
try in 1945."

"At the same time, the Secre-  
tary of State has been instructed  
to assume responsibility for such  
information and educational ex-  
change activities in Korea as  
have likewise been carried out  
by the Department of the Army  
since the liberation."—Associated  
Press.

### BLUE DANUBE AT ITS LOWEST

Munich, January 5.  
Two large Danube shipping  
companies—the Austrian Danube  
Dampf-Schiffahrts-Gesellschaft  
and the Bavarian Lloyd have  
stopped their traffic on the Danube  
because of its low-water level—  
the lowest in 20 years.—Reuter.

## India, Pakistan Commended By U.S.

Washington, January 5.

Mr. Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of State, sent  
messages today to the Prime Ministers of India  
and Pakistan commending them for their  
action to end the Kashmir dispute.

He said that the agreement to  
hold a plebiscite in the State of  
Jammu and Kashmir was a  
sound basis for settlement, and  
praised the promptness of the  
two governments in effecting  
the cease-fire called for by the  
United Nations Commission for  
India and Pakistan.

The messages, identically  
worded to both governments,  
said:  
"It is extremely gratifying to  
learn of the acceptance by your  
Government and by the Govern-  
ment of Pakistan (India) of the  
principles pertaining to a pleb-  
iscite in the State of Jammu  
and Kashmir proposed on De-  
cember 11, 1948, by the United  
Nations Commission for India  
and Pakistan as supplementary  
to the ceasefire and truce ar-  
rangements contained in its re-  
solution of August 13, 1948."

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## REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT LAYS DOWN CONDITIONS FOR PEACE DUTCH ARMY MUST BE WITHDRAWN

London, January 5.

The Republican Emergency Government, "some-  
where in Sumatra," is conditionally prepared to  
resume talks with the Dutch under the super-  
vision of the United Nations Good Offices Com-  
mittee.

The Indonesian Republican representative in Can-  
berra said this today.

The representative, Dr. R. Usman, added that the  
Emergency Government is also prepared to or-  
der a cease fire throughout Java and Sumatra.

Dr. Usman stipulated five con-  
ditions as follows:  
1. The immediate release of  
the captured Republican Gov-  
ernment leaders.  
2. Dutch withdrawal to lines  
held before December 13.  
3. Recognition of Republican  
sovereignty over Java, Sumatra  
and Madura.  
4. The formation of an all-  
Indonesian Government by  
popular vote without Dutch  
interference.  
5. Withdrawal of the Dutch  
Army from Indonesia as soon  
as possible after the formation  
of such a Government.

### Dutch Interests

"The Indonesian leaders under-  
take properly to observe Nether-  
lands economic interests," Dr.  
Usman added.  
The Dutch announced in Batavia  
today that military action  
against the Republicans in  
Sumatra ended at noon (local  
time). Java operations ended on  
Saturday.  
Australia has accepted India's  
invitation to a conference on  
Indonesia in New Delhi. In Wel-  
lington, the New Zealand Fi-  
nance Minister, Mr. Walter Nash,  
said his Government is consid-  
ering the invitation.

## German Quarrels Settled At Bonn

Bonn, January 5.

The Procedure Committee of the Western German  
Constituent Assembly today settled a quarrel  
which had threatened to jeopardise the  
Assembly's task of drafting a West German  
Constitution.

The Committee, considering  
criticisms of Dr. Konrad  
Adenauer, the Christian Demo-  
cratic President of the Assembly,  
decided that no party was im-  
puting dishonest motives to  
any other party or any of its  
members.

The Social Democrats, who  
had criticised Dr. Adenauer for  
allegedly inviting the Allied  
Military Governors to arbitrate  
in the differences between the  
parties, resolved earlier today  
to submit the matter to the all-  
party "Council of Elders," as the  
Procedure Committee is known.

The Social Democrats decided  
earlier today not to support a  
vote of censure on Dr. Adenauer,  
demanded by the Communists,  
they wanted the drafting of the  
West German Constitution to go  
on without further regard for  
personal quarrels.

They wanted the main com-  
mittee to debate that part of the  
draft Constitution which would  
authorize the future Federal  
Government to renounce its  
sovereign rights in favour of  
international institutions and to  
enter into obligations in the  
interest of collective security.

The Socialists felt that this  
would place them the oppor-  
tunity to explain to the world  
that they did not oppose the  
Ruhr Statute on nationalistic  
grounds but were prepared to  
support an international scheme  
based on co-operation among  
equals.

The Government of North  
Rhine-Westphalia, employers and  
trade union leaders in the iron  
and steel industries, meeting in  
Düsseldorf, decided to form a  
permanent German committee of  
experts to study the implementa-  
tion of the Ruhr Statute.

The committee will investigate  
the economic effects and the ad-  
ministration of the Statute. The  
Premier, Dr. Karl Arnold, presided  
at the meeting.—Reuter.

### Huk Leader May Lose Title

Manila, January 6.

Luis Taruc, Communist leader  
of the Hukbalahap rebels,  
may lose the title of Congress-  
man today.

The House of Representatives  
electoral tribunal is scheduled to  
give its decision on an electoral  
protest filed against him.

Taruc is a Congressman in name  
only. He is hiding out somewhere  
in Luzon. The peasant leader was  
elected representative from Pam-  
panga in 1948 as Democratic Al-  
liance candidate. He was not  
seated until two years later be-  
cause of protests—and then only  
briefly. Soon after the election,  
he broke with the government  
and joined his irregulars in Cen-  
tral Luzon to lead guerilla war-  
fare.

Last June President Quirino  
offered peace to the Huk, Taruc  
returned to Manila, was seated  
and collected US\$7,500 back pay.  
Fifty days later he disappeared  
underground, and fighting start-  
ed again with the Philippine  
Constabulary.—Associated Press.

Jonkheer M. Michiels Van  
Verduynen, the Dutch Ambassa-  
dor to London with a special  
mission to Indonesia, arrived at  
Batavia Airport from Singapore  
today by air.

### Not Impossible

It is reported from The  
Hague that Dr. Willem Drees,  
the Dutch Prime Minister, is  
expected to take an early  
opportunity to consider the  
five conditions laid down by  
Dr. Usman for the resumption  
of talks on the situation in  
Indonesia.

It is felt at The Hague that  
the conditions are neither ex-  
traordinary nor impossible.  
It is thought that the first,  
release of the Republican leaders  
under detention, might be an  
accomplished fact before Dr.  
Drees arrives in Batavia, prob-  
ably on Sunday.

It is thought that the second  
condition—the withdrawal of  
Dutch troops to positions held on  
December 13 before the Dutch  
began their "police action"—is  
not likely to be agreed to.

### Council To Meet

The Security Council will meet  
at Lake Success on Friday to  
discuss the Indonesian question  
provided all the members can  
be present. Mr. Trygve Lie, the  
Secretary General of the United  
Nations, announced in Lake  
Success today.

If this is not possible, the  
meeting will be held on Monday.  
Indonesia is the only subject on  
the agenda.

The British delegate, Sir  
Alexander Cadogan, is not  
certain to be here, as he is  
travelling on the Queen Mary,  
which left Southampton today.  
The possibility that Britain  
may be represented by someone  
else is not dismissed.—Reuter.

### Graziani Trial Drags On

Rome, January 6.

The trial of Marshal Rodolfo  
Graziani, one of the biggest  
figures in Mussolini's Italian  
Empire, on charges of collabora-  
tion with the Germans, was  
again postponed when today's  
hearing was half over.

It had reopened after a 15-  
day break owing to the illness  
of the accused. Graziani asked to  
be excused on account of weak-  
ness, and a further postponement  
until January 7 was agreed to  
allow him time to recover com-  
pletely.

At today's session evidence was  
given to show that in January  
1944, Graziani explained in a  
letter why he had accepted the  
post of Chief of Mussolini's armed  
forces. "I have done this in the  
interests of my country,  
which has been betrayed and  
abandoned by its rulers," he  
wrote.—Reuter.

## Three Killed In British Crash

Rio de Janeiro, January 5.

The British South American Airways have confirmed  
tonight that three people were killed when the  
airliner, Star Venture, crashed in flames near  
the coast of Brazil today.

The aircraft, a York, carried  
nine passengers and a crew of  
six. All the latter were re-  
ported safe. The plane crashed  
at Caravelos, Brazil.  
The London headquarters of  
BSAA telephoned to Rio this  
afternoon but were unable to  
confirm the casualties. All the  
crew, including two air hostesses,  
were known to be safe.

The BSAA tonight signalled a  
plane bound for Sao Paulo to  
make a special landing at Ca-  
ravelos to pick up uninjured  
passengers and take them on to  
Montevideo.

The plane left London Airport  
for Rio de Janeiro last Monday  
and took off from Natal on the  
Brazilian coast early today.

Three women and two men  
passengers on board when the  
Star Venture left London were  
Mr. J. Christofani (Chilean)  
and Mrs. L. Christofani (Ital-  
ian), travelling from Genoa to  
Santiago, Mrs. E. R. Llanofehr  
(German) for Rio, Dr. Ann Gib-  
son (British) for Montevideo, and  
R. Kinnaird (British) for San-  
tiago.  
The plane might have taken  
on more passengers at its stop-



The Dutch delegate, Dr. Jan H. Van Royen (left) shakes  
hands with the Indonesian delegate, L. N. Palar, as they meet  
at the United Nations Security Council, called to discuss the  
Indonesian situation.—(AP Photo).

## Australia To Be Represented At Allahabad Talks

Canberra, January 6.

Australia will send the Secretary of the External  
Affairs Department, D. John Burton, and the  
political Counsellor, Mr. Colin Moddio, to the  
Asiatic conference on Indonesia in India.

They will be instructed to explore ways by which the  
United Nations can aid in bringing a lasting  
settlement in the dispute between the Indone-  
sian Republic and the Dutch.

"These officers will report  
back to the Government the  
views of the conference," an an-  
nouncement said.

"If, before the conference is  
convened, the Security Council  
acts in such a way as to make  
unnecessary this regional consul-  
tation, the Government's de-  
cision may be changed."

Several newspapers and politi-  
cal opponents of the Government  
have been asking for a clear  
statement on Australia's policy.

The Immigration Minister, Mr.  
Arthur Calwell, has said in effect  
that he is 100 per cent behind  
the nation's White Australia  
policy.

This policy is directed at  
keeping Asiatics and other  
coloured people out of the  
country.

### Good Strategy?

Many Australians are saying  
that this policy is being  
weakened by the Government's  
support for Indonesia.

These critics say it would be  
good strategy on Australia's part  
to try to strengthen the Dutch  
position in Indonesia. They say  
that this would help to keep Aus-  
tralia white.

They say that Hollanders in  
Indonesia are a buffer between  
Australia and Asia.  
There are 1,000,000,000 colour-  
ed people spread along a great  
arc North West of Australia.  
Here in this country of nearly  
3,000,000 square miles, there are  
only 7,500,000 whites.

Most newspapers strongly cri-  
ticise the anti-Dutch comments  
made by the Australian, Colonel  
W. R. Hodgson, before the Se-  
curity Council.—Associated Press.

## European Defence Plans

London, January 5.

The five Western Union De-  
fence Ministers will meet in  
Brussels on January 14 to dis-  
cuss joint planning and supply  
problems.

The Secretary General of the  
Brussels Treaty's Permanent  
Commission announced this in London  
today.

The agenda of these periodical  
defence meetings is always kept  
secret, but political observers in  
London believe that important  
items for the forthcoming third  
session will be:

1. A review of existing West-  
ern Union defence plans in the  
light of the proposed wider North  
Atlantic Pact.
2. The supply of British jet  
aircraft to other Union coun-  
tries, deliveries to France hav-  
ing already started.
3. Further standardisation of  
arms and equipment in relation to  
the possibility of increased sup-  
plies from the United States.—  
Reuter.

## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong  
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845 kilocycles per second and on  
9.52 megacycles per second in the  
31 metre band.

### H.K.T.

- 12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev.  
Father E. Boulet, S.J. (Studio)
- 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
- 12.42 p.m.—Light Variety with "Fala"  
Waller (His Piano, Organ & Or-  
chestra).
- 1.00 p.m.—Accent on Rhythm. (HICTS)
- 1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and  
Announcements.
- 1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
- 1.30 p.m.—Music for You.
- 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
- 6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour "Ima-  
gine Bunko Island" by Dorothy  
Trotter. (Studio)
- 6.40 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio, Given  
by Miss Lee Wei Lan and B.K. Lee.  
(Studio)
- 6.50 p.m.—Guy Lombardo and His  
Royal Canadians.
- 7.00 p.m.—World News and News  
Analysis. (London Relay)
- 7.15 p.m.—Sports Review. (Studio)
- 7.30 p.m.—"Variety Bandbox" from the  
Peoples Palace, London. (HICTS)
- 8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (Lon-  
don Relay)
- 8.10 p.m.—"The Man born to be King"  
By Dorothy Sayers. (HICTS) and  
Play: "A certain Nobleman".
- 8.55 p.m.—London Philharmonic Or-  
chestra, conducted by Sir Thomas  
Beecham.
- 9.15 p.m.—A Story: "Here comes the  
Copper" Read by Clifford Davies.  
(Studio)
- 9.40 p.m.—Dance Time.
- 10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London  
Relay)
- 10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
- 10.16 p.m.—"Sweet Bernadette" Peter  
York and His Concert Orchestra,  
with Paula Green and Eleven Con-  
cert Artists. (HICTS)
- 11.00 p.m.—"Think on These Things"—  
The Rev. Eric Penn, Rene Scam-  
and Margaret Godley. (Solists)  
(HICTS)
- 11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close  
Down.

# BRITAIN SENDS ARMY GARRISON TO AKABA

London, January 5.

## Tri-Power Meeting Delayed

Talks between Britain, the United States and France on the occupation of Germany will start in London on January 17, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

The talks were to start originally on January 10 but were postponed to enable the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to discuss outstanding problems with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.

Two outstanding problems to be settled are:

1. Whether the West German Federal Government, the constituent Land Governments, or the divisional Land Governments are to be responsible for collecting occupation costs.
2. Whether the rulings of the German Supreme Court are to be binding, or to have the force of recommendations only.

Shortly after the occupation statute talks, the Consultative Council of the five Western Union powers formed by the five Foreign Ministers will hold its fourth periodic meeting. This will start in London on January 26.—Reuter.

## Final Count On Election

Washington, January 5. The total votes cast in the United States presidential election last November were 48,690,075.

This is 9,650 more than previously reported, according to revised official returns from the 48 States announced by the State Department today.

The difference is due to revisions made in the returns of State Boards and some further minor additions.

Here is the way the new total vote was divided:

Mr. Harry S. Truman (Democrat) 24,164,000; Mr. Thomas E. Dewey (Republican) 21,970,086; Mr. J. Strom Thurmond (States Rights) 1,169,169; Mr. Henry Wallace (Progressive) 1,156,883; Mr. Norman Thomas (Socialist) 139,543; Mr. Claude A. Watson (Prohibition) 103,343; Mr. Edward Telford (Socialist-Labor) 29,240. The final Electoral College vote was: Mr. Truman, 313; Mr. Dewey 169 and Mr. Thurmond 39.

The new totals show a net loss of 806 in Mr. Truman's vote and a net gain of 1,486 for Mr. Dewey. The official figures give Mr. Truman a majority over Mr. Dewey of 2,133,044.—Reuter.

## PENSION FOR WILHELMINA

The Hague, January 5. Former Queen Wilhelmina will receive a pension of £38,000 a year under a bill approved by the First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament today. The Second Chamber approved the bill months ago.

Only the First Chamber of the States General opposed the bill. They thought the amount high in the light of Holland's financial position.—United Press.

## Ministers Appeal For Euthanasia

New York, January 5. Protestant and Jewish Ministers of New York State have petitioned for a law to permit voluntary mercy killing under careful safeguards.

It is the largest group of religious leaders publicly to advocate voluntary euthanasia, now punishable as murder in all 48 States of the United States.

The ministers sent a petition to every member of the State Legislature. Some one thousand New York physicians made a similar petition in December 1947.

The Ministers' petition, sponsored by the Euthanasia Society of America, declares: "Ending of the physical existence of an individual at his request when afflicted with an incurable disease which causes extreme suffering is, under proper safeguards, not only medically indicated, but also in accord with the most civilized and humane teachings and the highest concepts and practices of religion."

The Ministers make it clear that they advocate mercy killing only under these careful safeguards:

1. The sufferer must submit a petition signed and attested to by him, and agreed to by his physician requesting euthanasia.

British troops are being sent to Akaba, on the Egyptian-Palestine frontier, in the hope that it will deter further invasions of Egypt by Israel.

Akaba is a Red Sea port in Transjordan and adjoins territory allotted to Israel under the 1947 United Nations partition plan. Britain does not normally have a garrison in the port.

British sources make it plain that Britain considers the Palestine situation very serious, and that if Jewish invasions of Egypt continue, Britain will have to go to the Security Council to raise the question of an arms embargo in the Middle East.

However, a high Government source in an Anglo-Israeli war dispatch to the press, made the statement after some British newspapers had asserted that Britain may soon find herself in a state of virtual war with the Jews.

The pro-Labour "People's" in London headed a story "Britain near war with Jews" and said that the Anglo-Israeli war was imminent. It also warned the United States Government last week of this.

The Government source says there is absolutely no question of Britain going to war with Israel.

A Foreign Office spokesman told reporters that the Palestine situation continues to be grave.

**Jewish Admission**

In Tel Aviv, Israel today officially admitted for the first time that her forces had crossed the Egyptian frontier.

The Jewish spokesman said that a Jewish force recently drove some 60 miles into Egyptian territory.

He said our force had withdrawn but did not disclose whether all Israeli troops had now left Egypt.

The force which penetrated into Egypt, he said, captured several grounded Spitfires when it overran airfields in the El Arish area.

Some of these planes are now flying in the Jewish air force. Airfields, installations, runways and buildings were damaged before the force withdrew, he added.

**"Patton Attack"**

Had the force wished to go further into Egyptian territory there would have been little to stop it, he claimed.

The spokesman explained that the force crossed over into Egypt at Awagah, the Egyptian frontier post on the heels of an Egyptian column retreating from Palestine.

He claimed that hundreds of Egyptian casualties were inflicted in what he called a "Patton-like attack" which raised havoc among the Egyptians. (His reference was to the late General George Patton, American armoured force commander in World War II).

In Cairo, it is claimed that the Egyptians repulsed Jewish attacks in extremely heavy fighting in the Negev Desert.

One Cairo source said: "The situation definitely is in our favour," and added that Egypt will not ask Britain to come to her aid under the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

An Iraq Defence Ministry communique in Baghdad says: "Israeli forces have suffered heavy losses in killed and wounded in heavy fighting which is continuing five kilometres North West of Galgulyin, on the Northern Palestine front."

The Iraqi losses were nine killed and 41 wounded, the communique said.

The battle continues to rage in the Ramat Rahkovich sector.

After the Iraqi forces occupied important positions in the Tira area, the communique added.

At Lake Success, the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, predicted that there will be peace in Palestine in 1949.

He told reporters that a settlement is closer now than ever before, despite recent outbreaks.

The United Nations' new Palestine Conciliation Commission is expected to meet in the near future, but no date or place has yet been fixed.

**Geneva Meeting**

Mr. Lie said he has suggested that the Commission, composed of Turkey, the United States and France, should meet in Geneva.

Mr. Lie also announced that the United Nations Committee on the Negev will meet at Lake Success on Friday.

He said the Committee may have some information concerning British reports that Jewish troops have occupied two air bases on Egyptian soil.

The Committee is composed of the "Big Five"—the United States, France, the United Kingdom, China and the Soviet Union, plus Cuba and Norway.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

**Elections In Israel Of Concern**

Paris, January 5.

London is as much concerned as Washington over the first Israeli elections due on January 25, the leading French evening paper, Le Monde, commented today.

It added: "The thing to be avoided is that the poll should turn against the West. To keep peace in the Near East, London may at the least expect momentary recognition of Israel de facto."

The central issue at stake in a settlement satisfactory to Britain will be the Negev desert, the newspaper said.

"The English defence system relies on a chain of bases to which the Royal Air Force can bring on, far removed from city life, until the next conflict."

"The geometrical centre of these, the Gibraltar of the Sands, is the Negev."—Reuter.

**Death Sentences Reversed By U.S.**

Frankfurt, January 5.

Three Germans sentenced in 1946 to hang, and eight sentenced to life, for taking part in the massacre of American prisoners of war at Malmady during the Battle of the Bulge have been found not guilty.

The 11 men are still in Landsberg prison although the reversed decision apparently was made early last year. General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, approved reversal of the verdicts of the United States War Crimes Tribunal.

In Berlin, General Clay said he had not taken any action in cases since last March. In the Spring, he reviewed cases and commuted a number of death sentences and reduced the prison sentences of several others, he said.

A memorandum from Washington dated October 27, 1948, has been received here. It said General Clay approved the findings of the review board that the evidence did not sustain their convictions which is in effect equivalent to a finding of not guilty.

Last March the Army announced that some death sentences and life imprisonment sentences had been disapproved, but final disposition of the cases was not stated.

Colonel James Harbaugh, Judge Advocate General of the Army's European Command, confirmed that 11 men had been acquitted, but he said he thought an announcement was made last March and he also thought the men had been set free.

Colonel Harbaugh said the cases of 12 others of 43 Germans originally sentenced to hang for the Malmady massacre had been referred back to General Clay by the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, for reconsideration.—United Press.

**Church And State Talks**

Budapest, January 6.

Further talks between leading Government officials and Hungary's Roman Catholic bishops on relations between the Church and the State will take place at the end of this week.

An official communique issued following a short meeting of both sides, says merely that the negotiations opened in an atmosphere of understanding in spite of existing difficulties.

The difficulties apparently referred to the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty on charges of treason and the Vatican's rejection a week later of a Hungarian Government request for an understanding with the Holy See.—Associated Press.

## London Sees Baby Prince

London, January 5. Londoners saw baby Prince Charles for the first time today when, with Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, he left Buckingham Palace today for Sandringham, the King's residence in Norfolk, by car.

The baby, now two months old, was sleeping peacefully in his mother's arms in the back seat of the big black limousine that was the Royal Air Force's wedding present to the Princess.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary, are travelling to Sandringham on Saturday by special train.—Reuter.

## Elections In Israel Of Concern

Paris, January 5.

London is as much concerned as Washington over the first Israeli elections due on January 25, the leading French evening paper, Le Monde, commented today.

It added: "The thing to be avoided is that the poll should turn against the West. To keep peace in the Near East, London may at the least expect momentary recognition of Israel de facto."

The central issue at stake in a settlement satisfactory to Britain will be the Negev desert, the newspaper said.

"The English defence system relies on a chain of bases to which the Royal Air Force can bring on, far removed from city life, until the next conflict."

"The geometrical centre of these, the Gibraltar of the Sands, is the Negev."—Reuter.

**Death Sentences Reversed By U.S.**

Frankfurt, January 5.

Three Germans sentenced in 1946 to hang, and eight sentenced to life, for taking part in the massacre of American prisoners of war at Malmady during the Battle of the Bulge have been found not guilty.

The 11 men are still in Landsberg prison although the reversed decision apparently was made early last year. General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, approved reversal of the verdicts of the United States War Crimes Tribunal.

In Berlin, General Clay said he had not taken any action in cases since last March. In the Spring, he reviewed cases and commuted a number of death sentences and reduced the prison sentences of several others, he said.

A memorandum from Washington dated October 27, 1948, has been received here. It said General Clay approved the findings of the review board that the evidence did not sustain their convictions which is in effect equivalent to a finding of not guilty.

Last March the Army announced that some death sentences and life imprisonment sentences had been disapproved, but final disposition of the cases was not stated.

Colonel James Harbaugh, Judge Advocate General of the Army's European Command, confirmed that 11 men had been acquitted, but he said he thought an announcement was made last March and he also thought the men had been set free.

Colonel Harbaugh said the cases of 12 others of 43 Germans originally sentenced to hang for the Malmady massacre had been referred back to General Clay by the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall, for reconsideration.—United Press.

**Church And State Talks**

Budapest, January 6.

Further talks between leading Government officials and Hungary's Roman Catholic bishops on relations between the Church and the State will take place at the end of this week.

An official communique issued following a short meeting of both sides, says merely that the negotiations opened in an atmosphere of understanding in spite of existing difficulties.

The difficulties apparently referred to the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty on charges of treason and the Vatican's rejection a week later of a Hungarian Government request for an understanding with the Holy See.—Associated Press.

**British Army Appointments**

London, January 6.

Two military appointments which have been approved by the King are announced in the London Gazette tonight.

They are: Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Christopher Gray Robins, late infantry, as Colonel, York and Lancaster Regiment, vice Major-General George William Symes, who has resigned.

Major-General Colwyn Henry Hughes Villars, late Royal Corps of Signals, as Colonel, Royal Corps of Signals, vice Sir Henry Colville Barclay Wemyss, resigned.

Both appointments have effect from January 1.—Reuter.

**SEVEN DEAD IN AIR CRASH**

Colfax, California, January 6.

Seven men were killed and another is missing in the crash of a two-engine air force transport plane near here last night.—Associated Press.

**Doctors Blamed For Increased Spread Of Heroin**

Lake Success, January 5.

The United Nations Permanent Central Opium Board expresses concern over the alarming increase in world use of heroin and says doctors are to blame in many countries.

In a report to United Nations Headquarters from Geneva, the Board says that 12 of 22 countries which are the heaviest users of heroin have raised consumption since 1936.

It says the five higher per capita users in the world are Finland, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden and Australia.

The report says Finland's consumption in 1947 was 300 per cent greater than in 1936, while Italy is using 50 per cent more, or seven times the per capita consumption of France, where the quantity consumed has dropped to one-half.

"The drug is popular with medical men in some countries because it is simple to administer and quickly alleviates pain and cough," the report continues.

"On account of its habit-forming power, doctors in many countries have sought and found efficient and comparatively harmless substitutes."

"The Board believes doctors in certain other countries may either be insufficiently acquainted with these results of modern research or else far too lax in regard to the dangerous consequences that may follow the prescription of heroin."

It says the problem is so serious that the Board has referred the matter to the World Health Organization, whose experts on narcotic drugs are to meet late this month in Geneva.

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Newton, North Carolina, January 5.

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According to the complaint filed in court, the boy absconded to Florida and squandered all the money except for six dollars and a war savings bond.

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St. Louis, January 6.

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This nose replaces the iron lung and often does the same life saving job. It is a small gadget, making an airtight fit over the nose and mouth. Its secret is a valve, by which it can be attached to a tube carrying pure oxygen, or any other mixture a doctor wants.

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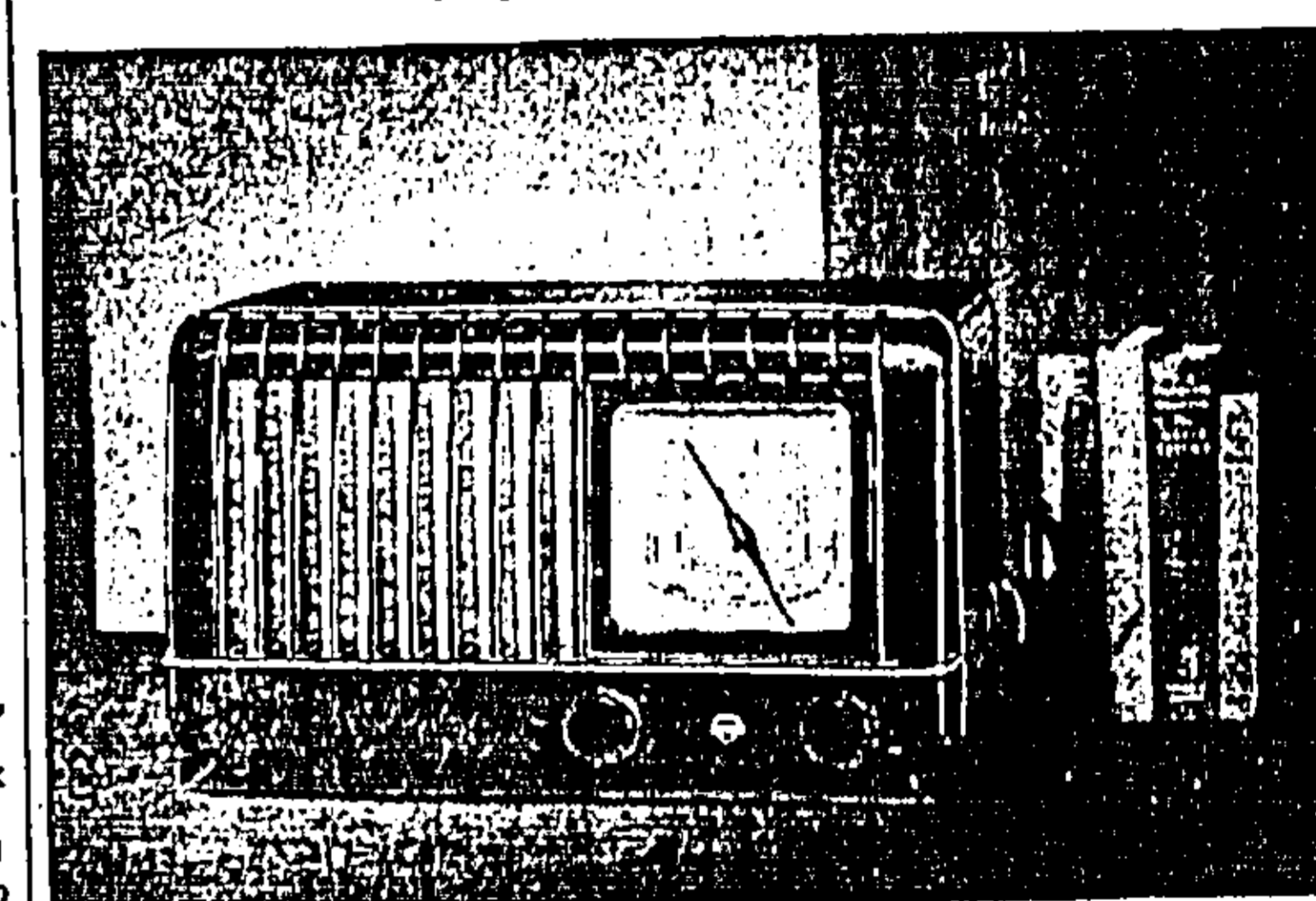
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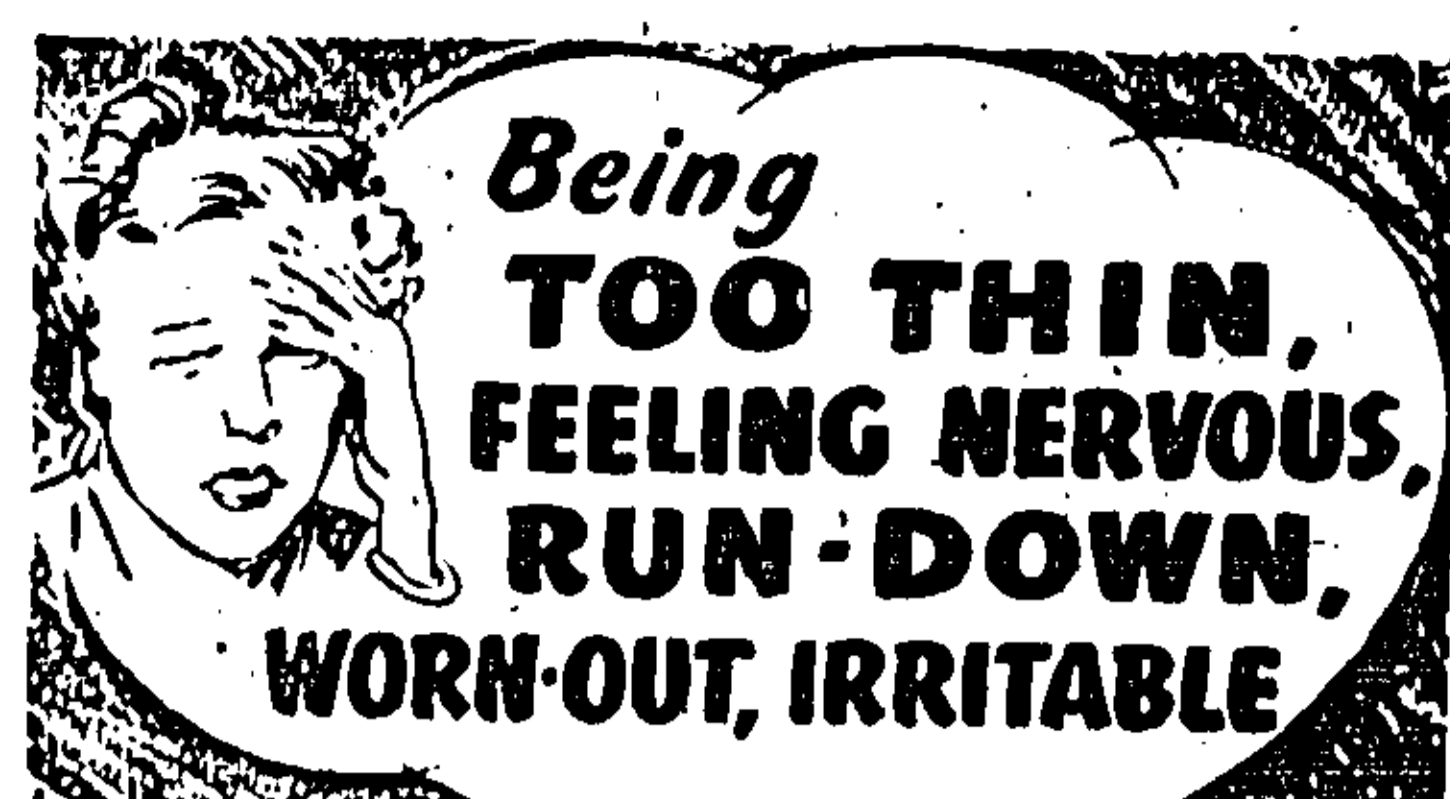


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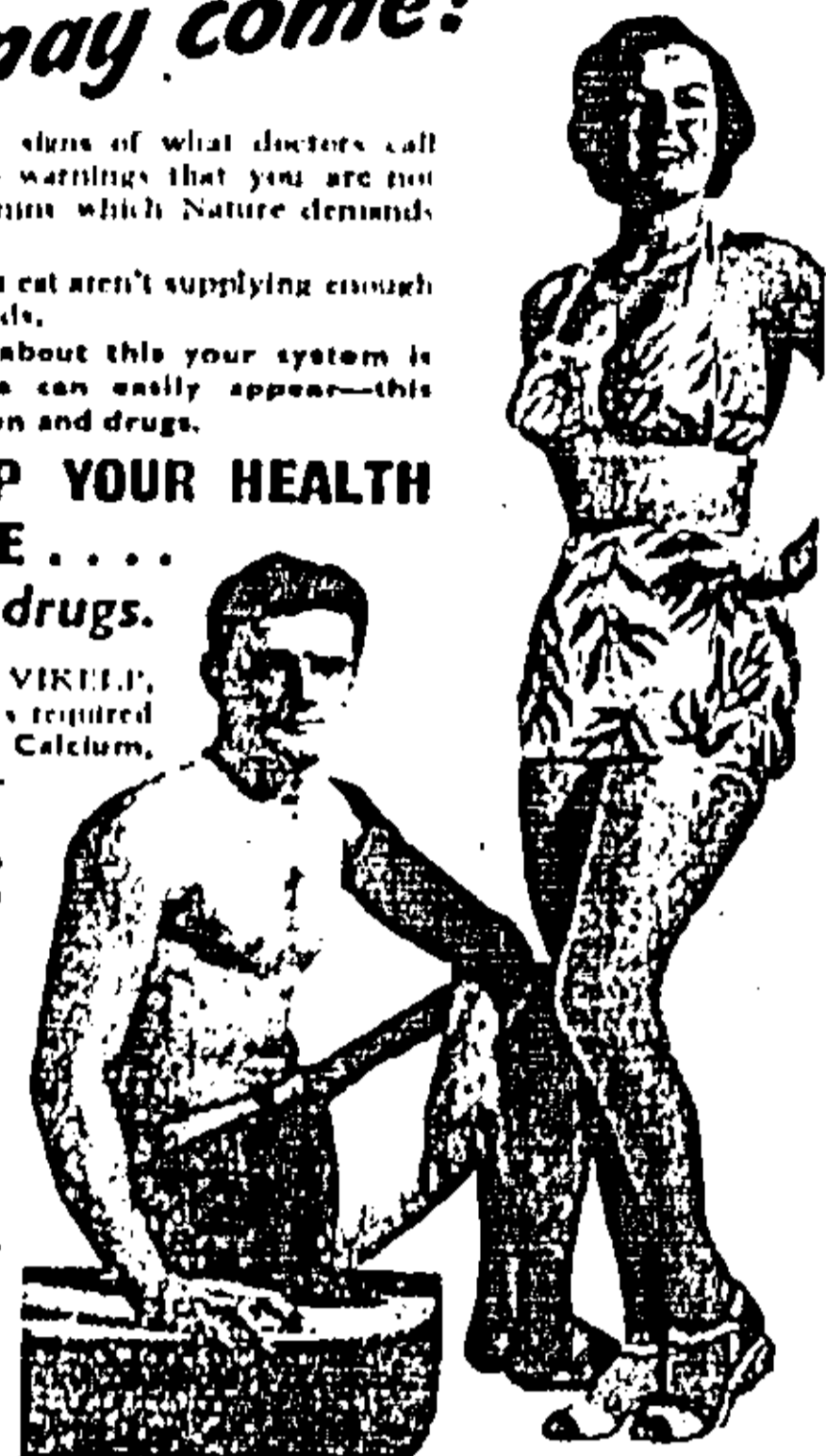
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## Marshall Aid To Cease After 1952

Washington, January 5.

The Marshall Plan will not be continued in its present form beyond 1952 despite the estimated heavy dollar deficit of Europe at that stage in its recovery, the Economic Co-operation Administration said today.

Mr. Richard Bissell, special assistant to Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, says that probably some of the participating countries merit further assistance in some form in 1953 but the overall plan will end on schedule.

The Office of European Economic Co-operation has estimated Western Europe's dollar deficit after 1952 at a minimum of \$1,000 million.

Mr. Bissell said: "I see in the (OECE) report no evidence whatever indicating a need of the European Recovery Programme as such beyond the time that has been discussed and assumed."

"The objectives of a comprehensive programme for this large group of nations can, we believe, be accomplished in the time originally set."

He adds that some countries—such as Greece, Austria and Western Germany—may well need further assistance after 1952 but it is impossible to say whether such aid will be forthcoming or in what form it will be granted.

Mr. Bissell says the four-year plan drawn up by the OECE committee in important respects to hopes and desires.

"It has crystallized the issues and indicated the direction that national policies must take."

### Some Pessimism

Mr. Bissell says it will not even be assumed that ERP will last for four years. That is up to Congress to decide year by year.

Mr. Bissell says that ECA will begin presenting the coming year's funds to Congress in the last week of January. It will request funds in the general area of the \$4,375 million asked for by the European nations.

The exact figure will be fixed in the next four days or so and will have to be cleared by other Government agencies and approved by President Truman before being made public.

Mr. Bissell says that in its presentation to Congress the ECA will indicate some pessimism about the ability of certain European countries to become self-supporting by 1952.—Reuter.

## Dramatic Flight From Red Terror

Munich, January 6.

"We fled from constant Communist terror," the pilot of a Hungarian air liner which landed in Germany said last night.

The pilot, James Majors, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview the dramatic story how he and his plane load of anti-Communist friends engineered their escape from Hungary.

"It was mostly all my own idea," Majors said.

"It was a question of life or death for me to get out. The Communists had ordered my arrest."

Majors, who had evaded the secret Hungarian police for two months prior to his flight, said he was wanted for anti-Communist activities.

He was a former pilot of the Hungarian-Soviet Airways but had been discharged.

"I decided to leave the country. I got in touch with a former colleague, Captain Motos Kuhn. He agreed to join my plot and we talked to some of our friends."

Majors said: "We arranged that everybody meet in South West Hungary."

## Combined Malaya Action

Singapore, January 5.

Major General Charles H. Boucher, General Officer Commanding Malaya, told a press conference at Kuala Lumpur today that yesterday's combined air, sea and land operations netted 30 suspected terrorists. The operation is continuing.

It was disclosed today that the scene of the operations in which a destroyer, HMS Consort, came within 400 yards of the shore, is the Sitawan area of South West Malaya.

General Boucher disclosed that all operational troops in Malaya have completed their training and are now deployed.—Reuter.

## Vitriolic Attack By Sir Thomas Beecham

Brighton, January 5.

Sir Thomas Beecham, orchestra conductor famed for his vitriolic tongue, lashed out today at men who run opera in Britain.

Speaking at the annual conference here of the Incorporated Society of Musicians he demanded an inquiry into the trust which runs Covent Garden, London's historic opera house.

Evidence should be produced, he declared, of how the vast sum of £100,000 had been spent in one year "with so little to show for it, except the disapproval of almost the whole body of the British press."

Sir Thomas, who has been known to turn round and tell his audience to "shut up" in the middle of a symphony, complained about the appointment of Dr. Karl Rankl, an Austrian, to the post of Musical Director to the Government-subsidised British National Opera.

"The appointment of an alien, and especially one bearing a German name, is an incredible thing that I have from time to time to remind myself that it has actually happened and is not some fantastic dream," Sir Thomas said.

He read out to the audience names of members of the Trust, asking: "What does this list suggest to you? First and most noticeable is that there is not a single person who knows anything about opera, or has had practical experience of it, and whose opinion is worth a brass farthing."

### "Symptoms Of Insanity"

He asked the Society to "cry halt to the preposterous scheme" of acquiring Covent Garden as a centre of State-owned opera and urged them to make out a practical scheme of their own to submit to Parliament.

His own speech today would be printed and sent to Members of the Government and Parliament, he added.

The Covent Garden Administration had apologised for the appearance of so many aliens because British singers could not

be found to take parts in operas selected, he said.

That was "one of the symptoms of comparative sanity prevailing in an unfortunate institution."

### The Old Days

In the old days it had been the practice to discover first what vocal resources were available and make the choice of the works accordingly.

"You can have an excellent, delightful National Opera, in which English singers and their cousins from the Dominions can take part, and you need not employ one foreigner," Sir Thomas said.

Sir John Anderson, Chairman of the Covent Garden Opera Trust, tonight replied to Sir Thomas Beecham's criticism, which, he said, he had read with surprise and regret.

Replying to the criticisms over the appointment of the Musical Director, Sir John said that the Trustees had the highest admiration for the manner in which Dr. Rankl had addressed himself to his task.—Reuter.

## GENERAL'S HOUSE RAZED BY FIRE

Tokyo, January 6.

A fire of undetermined origin this morning destroyed the residence of Major-General William F. Marquat, chief of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section.

The Headquarters fire marshal said the house is a total loss but Major-General Marquat was able to save some household furniture. There were no injuries or casualties.

Low water pressure hampered the Japanese Fire Department's fight against the blaze.—Associated Press.

## No Secret Agreement On Ruhr

London, January 5.

A Foreign Office spokesman today denied Soviet allegations of secret clauses attached to the six-power agreement on the International Authority for the Ruhr concluded in London last week.

Thus, the official Soviet news agency had quoted reports that there had been a secret agreement on the rearming of Western Germany, coupled with a clause binding the parties concerned not to insist upon the nationalisation of the Ruhr industries.

The Foreign Office spokesman said that no such clauses existed. He added that the Soviet claim that the establishment of a Ruhr authority was a gross violation of German sovereignty was incompatible with the repeated Soviet demands to the Council of Foreign Ministers for four-power control of the Ruhr.

He recalled that Russia had in the past herself demanded to be represented on the Ruhr International Authority.—Reuter.

## "Mopping Up" In Indo-China

Saigon, January 5.

Between December 26 and January 3, land, naval and air forces converging on Phuly, 37 miles South of Hanoi, successfully continued their mopping up operations despite stubborn resistance by Vietminh forces, French military sources said today.

The Vietminh losses were 290 killed and 50 prisoners, while a mountain cannon, 14 machine-guns, 42,000 cartridges, 60 aerial bombs and explosives were captured.

Two grenade-making workshops were destroyed.—Reuter.

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## Govt Increase In Tobacco Duties

To avoid loss of revenue which may result from the production of the more popular brands of cigarettes locally, Government increased tobacco duties yesterday.

Mr. E. Himsworth, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said that the increase has been the result of a new policy of the major tobacco manufacturers in England.

He added that three of the more popular brands of cigarettes—Players, Capstan and Gold Flake—formerly manufactured in England and imported as manufactured cigarettes, are now to be made from raw leaf by local factories.

Mr. Himsworth said that the duty on manufactured cigarettes imported from England was formerly HK\$3.00 a pound. The duty on imported raw leaf for the manufacture of cigarettes locally was HK\$2.25 a pound.

Consequently, he added, it appeared that Government would lose a considerable revenue if the more popular brands of cigarettes were to be made in Hong Kong from the lower-rated raw material instead of being subject to the higher rates covering the importation of manufactured cigarettes.

The duties on imported raw leaf have, therefore, been adjusted in order to ensure that the revenue collected from locally manufactured cigarettes will not be less than the duties which would have accrued if the manufactured cigarettes had been imported from Mr. Himsworth.

Had the increase gone no further, this, however, locally manufactured cigarettes would have been penalized vis-à-vis the imported product. This is because the raw leaf used in the manufacture of cigarettes in Hong Kong has to pay for at least 50 per cent of the cost of leaf of American origin in open market value, whereas the American

### Price Increase

The price of locally manufactured cigarettes would, therefore, be increased whereas the imported articles would, unless the rates of duty were changed, remain as before.

In order that locally produced cigarettes should not be placed at a disadvantage in comparison with imported cigarettes, the rates of duty on the latter have been increased.

It is not expected that these changes will bring a substantial increase in the revenue from cigarettes, but as a result of the new duties it is not anticipated that there will be a loss of revenue, concluded Mr. Himsworth.

The duties on cigars and what is officially termed as "other manufactured tobacco including snuff and cigar cuttings" remain unchanged.

The amended duty figures, published in a Gazette Extraordinary yesterday, follows:

### UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO

(1) unstuffed tobacco containing 10 per cent or more of moisture by weight:

(a) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.55; (b) other tobacco \$3.75; (c) less than 10 per cent of moisture by weight:

(i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.58; (ii) other tobacco \$3.78.

(2) stuffed tobacco containing 10 per cent or more of moisture by weight:

(a) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.70; (b) other tobacco \$3.90; (c) less than 10 per cent of moisture by weight:

(i) tobacco of Empire origin \$3.85; (ii) other tobacco \$4.05.

### MANUFACTURED TOBACCO

(1) Cigars—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$4.50; (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$5.25; (iii) other cigars \$7.00.

(2) Cigarettes—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$4.70; (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$5.30; (iii) other cigarettes \$6.00.

(3) Other manufactured tobacco including snuff and cigar cuttings—(i) of Empire origin and manufacture \$3.30; (ii) of Empire manufacture only \$3.00; (iii) Chinese prepared tobacco \$3.00; (iv) Other varieties \$4.80.

## Rotary Hears Talk On Communication

There is no fire without smoke and in the days of old, smoke signals were the only method of communication. The beacons on the coast of England stand as testimony to this primitive method of sending messages to people in the distance.

In his interesting talk at the Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon meeting at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, Captain R.D. Barrett told of the methods of communication down the ages, from the days of savagery down to the present.

The origin of flag signals can be traced back to the man in the road who tied his lion cloth on to his spear and waved it in the air to summon help as he passed. The top of a tree with a dinosaur waving impatiently for him to come down and give him a meal he said.

The first flags used for signals originated in 1817. With 16 flags, 500 combinations could be worked out. The system was considerably improved, until in 1853 a code book was published, in which there were two parts, one for British messages and the other for foreign messages.

The present code, Captain Barrett said, was formulated in 1927 at the Washington Conference, and messages can now be sent in seven different languages.

The two visiting Rotarians were Messrs. H.A. Lammert and Konrad C. Bau.

Guests entertained were Messrs. C. Crofton, R.C.T. Hockridge, J.F. Mortelmans, H.H. Rose, H.F. Shields, H.M.G. Forrester, and E. Joffe.

## Rear-Admiral Madden Returns To HK

Flying the flag of Rear-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Station, HMS Amethyst arrived here last evening, bringing him from Shanghai, where he went for a pre-arranged visit last month.

A group of subordinates, including Commander A.F. Talbot, accompanied Rear Admiral Madden. The party left the Colony on December 20 with the admiral in HMS London.

Among the naval ship movements, according to the Navy's daily forecast, is the departure of the troopship Dilwara for the United Kingdom today, with services personnel, returning for new assignments or on furlough.

The Dilwara is expected to go into dock on her arrival there for an 18-month peacetime reconversion, when modern facilities will be incorporated.

HMS Amethyst leaves for Singapore on January 13. Visiting the Colony for about a week, the admiral is accompanied by two American destroyers, Willett and Hammer, expected to arrive here on January 15. They will depart on January 18. The destroyer Pomfret is coming to the Colony on January 22 and will leave on January 23.

## Old Chinese Music At Y's Men's Meet

Music that was once royal entertainment in mandarin courts was played by Mr. Louis Chen Pa-tung on an ancient Chinese harp at the weekly luncheon of the International Y's Men's Club at Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

The well-known Teochew exponent of the ancient 18-stringed Chinese instrument is on a tour of the South before leaving China for Europe and the United States.

Mr. Chen expects to depart for France for further study in archeology in the University of Paris by the end of this month. During his sojourn there he expects to give a series of concerts.

Among his special selection of classics that were once favourites of Chinese officials, were "Pavilion of the Hungry Horse," "Entering the Palace" and "Rain on the Banana Leaves." Each piece was played with the touch of a well-experienced artist; complete with the fundamental grace and interpretation heightened emotion. Some of the selections, however, ended tranquilly, especially Mr. Chen's version of "Rain on the Banana Leaves" which he finished with "echoes."

The Chinese harp, measuring about five feet long with a four-wide bridge tapering to six inches at the other end, dated as far back as Confucius' days, some 2,000 years ago. The Mongol invasion relegated the art to oblivion, and it is the hope of Mr. Chen to revive it in China, primarily, then abroad.

Eighteen conical wooden pegs are placed diagonally across the plywood-board to provide four Chinese music scales. The board is fretless and by light pressure with the right fingers the harpist derives his "sharps" and "flats."

By this means he can produce extra scales from any two strings. A student of archeology at the Yenching University, Mr. Chen began playing the harp about 18 years ago. He graduated from the Chungshan University, Canton, before coming up North.

During his visits to Singapore, Penang, Siam and several Malay states, he made recordings of some classics. He gave a series of concerts, sponsored by the Chinese Consulate of the respective places.

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## Fair Deal Succeeds Roosevelt New Deal

Washington, January 5. Perhaps President Truman's administration will be known as "Fair Deal," succeeding the "New Deal" of the late President Roosevelt.

In his message on the "State of the Union," President Truman made a "fair deal" pledge.

He put it this way: "Every segment of our population and every individual has the right to expect from his Government a fair deal."—United Press.

## Italians Flee From Earthquake

Rome, January 5.

An earthquake shook the Rieti area, North of Rome, at 5.00 a.m. local time today, killing two people and damaging several hundred homes.

The most serious damage was done in the village of Rivodutri where 95 per cent of the houses were reported damaged. Several collapsed.

Tonight, the inhabitants were fleeing to the hills as the hour of the predicted earthquake disaster approached.

The prediction was credited to a Londoner, Mr. William Wheeler.

Telephone calls tonight were pouring into newspaper offices and observatories despite assurances from Italian geological experts that earthquakes cannot be predicted.

The Rieti and Sabine areas have for the past week experienced earth tremors which the people believe to be the forerunners of bigger shocks to come.

### Tremors In Sardinia

Earth tremors shook places near Cagliari, in Sardinia, last night, but no damage nor injury was caused.

Rivers overflowing after 24 hours of heavy rain have given

the population in the Northern Italian provinces of Emilia and Tuscany something else to worry about.

At Castel Bolognese, on the Santo River, people were marooned on the roof-tops of their houses when the stream rose unexpectedly during the night.

They were rescued by firemen in the morning.

Floods held up road and railway traffic in many places.

Reuter.

## Msgr. De La Hoz Passes Away

M. Ignor Ex-Prorect Apostolic of Formosa, Rev. Father Thomas de la Hoz (Dominican) died suddenly at 6 p.m. yesterday at the Rosary Hill College.

A mass will be held at Rosary Hill Church at 8 a.m. today, and the hearse will pass the Cenotaph at 4 p.m.

Monsieur de la Hoz arrived here from Formosa in October last year to retire after 40 years of service in Formosa. Born in 1876 at Vellilla Palencia, Spain, he joined the Dominican Order in 1895 at Avila, Spain. Seven years later, after completing his ecclesiastical studies, he went to Manila, from where he was sent to Formosa.

The main event in his missionary life was to found the Cathedral of Formosa. Zealous in his work, and devoting the main part of his life to it, Father de la Hoz was well-liked by his colleagues and his Formosan friends.

Father Bonfanti, leaving from Italy, joining the Salesian House of Studies, Shaukwan, to teach science. A 20-year-old brother is going to Shanghai to teach carpentry. A Spanish brother is leaving for Macao this week-end to join the mission there. Another Catholic priest is recovering from seasickness on the arrival of the Meerkerk. He is in transit to Japan.

Two Dutch Salesian fathers are expected to reach the Colony very soon to join the group here, it was learned yesterday. They are, meanwhile, awaiting transport in Europe.

The mission sends about 300 presents to the all parts of the world yearly. Father Bonfanti is the first to be added to the local group for 1946.

The Meerkerk left Manila on January 4 and had a stormy 20-hour voyage en route. The vessel encountered strong North Easterlies which hit her abreast. She managed to carry on at her normal speed of 10 knots. The ship was light, as she had discharged most of her cargo at the Philippine port.

No damage was reported. Among her cargo were dangerous chemicals which she unloaded before berthing at Kowloon Wharf. She had a large quantity of construction materials. There were 24 American mail bags.

The Meerkerk has an all-Dutch crew of 40, headed by Mr. J. Costerhuis.

WANTS TO HEAR DEFENDANT'S STORY

Shum Pui, Yuen Hong and Li Fu were charged before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday with simple larceny and unlawful boarding.

All defendants pleaded not guilty to stealing 50 bottles of cuttle fish from Junk No. 1278V on January 4.

On the second charge, first defendant pleaded not guilty, but the other two defendants admitted that they were on board.

On the application of Inspector H. Brownrigg, all defendants were remanded in jail custody for five days.

OPIMUM HIDDEN IN SUITCASE

When the suitcase carried by Liu Tze-wan was searched by Revenue Officer Chey at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station at 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 108 taels of raw opium were found hidden in a false compartment under the lid and inside the back.

Charged before W. A. Blair-Kerr by Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox at Kowloon yesterday with possession of the opium, Liu was fined \$5,000 or a year's hard labour.

On the application of Inspector J. Orem, Mr. Blair-Kerr remanded Ho Muk and Chan Sam for 48 hours on the charge of possession of 600 packages of raw opium on board boat 3180Y on January 5.

A warrant was ordered to be issued for the arrest of Ho Muk-tak of 58, Canton Street, third floor, who failed to come before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

Hearing was adjourned to January 13 for Police Constable 2780, who served the summons, to give evidence.

According to the prosecution, on October 27 last year, Ho committed a breach of the conditions of his learner driver's licence by driving private car No. 9408 at a prohibited hour.

A representative of the car owner was in court and said that the defendant had left for Canton.

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"TJITALENGKA" from Macassar & Javaports, 21st January, In port	to Javaports & Macassar, 10th February.
"TJISADANE" from Macassar & Javaports, 28th January, In port	to Javaports & Macassar, 17th February.

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Arrivals	Sailings
"TEGELBERG" in port	to Shanghai, 14th January, to South Africa & South America, 25th January.
"RUYS" from South America & South Africa, 17th January, In port	to South Africa & South America, 25th February.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa, 24th January, In port	to South Africa & South America, 10th March.
"BOISSEvain" from South America & South Africa, 31st January, In port	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## TRUMAN SPEECH SWEETER PILL THAN EXPECTED BY BUSINESS

New York, January 5.

Wall Street is fairly well satisfied with President Truman's programme as announced in his "State of the Union" message to Congress today.

The business community finds it a sweeter pill than expected. Recent trends in the stock market had indicated that more oppressive policies to business were expected.

Stock market prices started to advance less than half an hour after the speech was published. Steel, rail and motor stocks rose notably.

One Wall Street leader said: "It sounds as if the conciliatory group in Washington has won out, and that we are heading back toward the middle of the road."

He finds the tone of the President's address considerably more favourable to business than his election campaign speeches, and adds that he is much relieved.

Another executive says that the President sprang no surprise, in view of his campaign and his record. These views are typical.

A peace-time excess profits tax had been feared but the expected call for higher taxes on corporations was there in plain terms, along with a proposal for higher income taxes in the middle and lower brackets.

## Free Enterprise.

Some of the business and financial community is opposed to the social programme outlined by the President, both on grounds of cost and of philosophy. Yet they find the President an eloquent spokesman for free enterprise.

## SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London.—Silver, Spot fine ounce 42 1/2; Forward fine ounce 42 1/2; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172 3/4. New York.—Silver, Bar, (asked price) 70 cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay.—Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 178 Rupees, 04 Annas; Forward per 100 tolas no trading; Marwar (unofficial) no trading; Gold, delivered, per tola 112, 02; Forward (unofficial) no trading; Sovereign 74, 08. One tola is equal to 3/8th of an ounce.

Bangkok.—Gold, Bar, bali-weight of 15.244 Grammes unquoted; Exchange rate (Selling), Bangkok on New York 17.10.80; London 22.35; Hong Kong 3.55.

Alexandria.—Fine Gold (Cdr-hem) 152; Egyptian pound (Fouad) 400; Sovereign (King) 417; Sovereign (Queen) 414; Napoleon (Louis) 350; Union Latine (1 coin of 20 francs gold) 310 Turkish Gold pound 330; Dollar (American gold coin of 5 dollars) 440; Pure Silver (per Kilo) 805.

Paris Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 5,825 frs.; French 10 franc coins 2,720; Swiss franc 5,800; Union Latine 5,425; Sovereign 7,375; Half Sovereign 3,450; U.S. \$20 Coin 20,600; U.S. \$10 Coin 14,050; Sovereign (in free U.S. \$5 coin) \$88.4; Napoleon (in free U.S. \$5 coin) \$20.7; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 510.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 224/244 fr.; Without counterpart 702 1/2/693; Silver Ingots, per Kilo 6,000; 7,400; Platinum Ingots, per Kilo 800,000; 850,000; Reuter.

## SEAMLESS SOCKS FOR MEN

London, January 5. Men's seamless socks, woven in endlesse chainlike sautages and linked together with material which dissolves in washing, are on show at the Science and Wool Exhibition in London.—Reuter.

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## General Terms

Business should plan for a steady and vigorous expansion he said, seeking always to increase its output, lower its prices and avoid the vices of monopoly and restriction.

The message was in general terms and business circles await the specified proposals on most points.

Grain futures closed with moderate gains on the Chicago Board of Trade. The market showed little reaction to the President's speech. Grain traders had expected a request for authority to control speculation.—Reuter.

## Prague's Attack On Capital

Prague, January 5. The Czech Finance Minister, Dr. Jarmir Dolansky, announced today the introduction of new distribution methods and taxes to limit and force out capitalists, whose "class existence will be undermined by high prices."

"Those who are the most reliable supporters of our democracy on the road to socialism will be the privileged," he added when presenting the 1949 budget to the National Assembly in Prague.

Privately owned shops will be forced to sell only "free market" goods carrying a new tax, which may reach 170 per cent.

The new budget provides 28 million crowns for the "popularisation of planned economy."

It gives an estimated overall surplus for 1949 of about 42 million crowns.

Expenditure is estimated at about 80,277 million crowns and income at 80,320 million crowns. Defence expenditure remains about the same as 1948, with a total of 8,350 million crowns.—Reuter.

## Money Market

Gold had another quiet day yesterday. It opened at HK\$205.50 a tola, went up to \$207.12 1/2 and closed at \$208.75.

U.S. dollars opened at HK\$5.00 1/2 and went up half a cent in the afternoon.

Gold Yuan for Hong Kong delivery varied from 4.6 cents to 4.3 cents. Canton remittances were booked at 3.3 cents and 3.25 cents, and Shanghai remittances dropped to 2.9 cents after opening at 3.45 cents.

Pastres opened at HK\$7.45 a 100, went up to \$7.62 1/2, and closed at \$7.60.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.10 a 100.

NEI Guilders were unchanged at HK\$4.00 a 100.

Stirling went up further to HK\$16.23. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.53.

## IMPORT DUTIES IN EIRE

Dublin, January 5. The Eire Government announced tonight an import duty of 45 per cent from January 8 on certain classes of paper, including corrugated paper, corrugated cardboard and grain paper.

The duties are in addition to a duty of five per cent already operating.—Reuter.

## HONG KONG GOVT. LOANS

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